

MINUTES
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, September 6, 2011
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, September 6, 2011, at Noon in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building, for the monthly Agenda Review Meeting. In attendance were Planning Commissioners Brian Pierce, Jeff Roth, Laura Cole, Robert Anders, Chairman of MPC, Rebecca Longmire, Mose Lobetti, Jack Sharp and Art Clancy. Also in attendance were MPC Deputy Executive Director Buz Johnson, and various MPC staff members.

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:00 o'clock noon and then reviewed the actions of the City Council and County Commission on land use issues since the last Agenda Review meeting. Commissioner Stan Johnson joined the meeting at this time.

Buz Johnson advised the Planning Commissioners of a planned workshop on healthcare planning, scheduled for September 29, 2011 at 5:00 o'clock p.m. The location has not yet been determined and further details will be provided as they become available. Mr. Johnson also advised the Commission that the October Agenda Review Meeting is currently scheduled for October 11, which is also the kick off date for the PlanET Project. It is anticipated the kickoff event will occupy much of MPC staff and that each of the Commissioners will be invited to participate. As a result, staff is recommending the rescheduling of the October Agenda Review Meeting to Wednesday, October 12, at 12:00 o'clock noon. The Commissioners were requested to mark their calendars for both of these events, and advised that a follow-up message will be provided. Commissioner Michael Kane joined the meeting at this time.

Mike Brusseau of MPC Staff then explained the staff recommendation for Item 23 in the September agenda package. Commissioner Longmire inquired as to the reason for the applicant's request. Arthur Seymour, counsel for the applicant, rose to explain that the parcel at issue is located partially in the Technology Overlay Zone and partially outside the Overlay Zone, and that the owner/applicant is in negotiations to sell the property. Mr. Seymour also advised the staff and Commission that the applicant may ask for a postponement of the matter.

Commissioner Bart Carey joined the meeting at this time.

Buz Johnson then explained the staff preference to preserve the Technology Overlay Zone in all instances unless sound land use reasons exist to remove the overlay. Upon inquiry from Commissioner Kane, Mr. Johnson also explained the additional requirements imposed on developers as a result of having property located within the Technology Overlay Zone.

Tom Brechko of MPC staff then explained the staff recommendation for Item 31 in the agenda package and outlined the revisions in the proposal since last month. Mr. Brechko also advised Commission of the action by the Knox County Government to enjoin the use of the pavilion by the applicant due to the lack of compliance with the existing use on review restrictions.

Discussion among Commissioners followed regarding how the enforcement issue is being addressed by the Knox County litigation.

Mr. Brechko then advised Commission of potential issues arising from a dispute between

the multiple property owners of the property that is the subject of Item 29 in the Agenda.

Commissioner Longmire expressed her appreciation to staff for the Excellence Award Banquet.

There being no further business to come before the Agenda Review Meeting, it was duly adjourned.

This 6th day of September, 2011.

Stephen R. Wise
Recording Secretary