

**MINUTES**  
**Agenda Review Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 9, 2014**  
**City – County Building**

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at Noon in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building, for the monthly Agenda Review Meeting. In attendance were Planning Commissioners Jack Sharp, Elizabeth Eason, Scott Smith, Mac Goodwin, Len Johnson, Bart Carey, Rebecca Longmire, Chair of MPC, Art Clancy, Janice Tocher, Jim Wakefield, Jeff Roth, Laura Cole and Herb Anders. Also in attendance were MPC Executive Director, Mark Donaldson, and various MPC staff members.

Mr. Donaldson called the meeting to order at 12:05 o'clock p.m. and introduced the Commissioners and Staff to the newest Planning Commissioner, Scott Smith. Mr. Donaldson then reported on land use activities of the City Council and the County Commission since the last Agenda Review meeting.

Mr. Donaldson announced the kick off of the Northwest City Sector Plan and the Northwest County Sector Plan, and advised of scheduled meeting dates with the public to facilitate that process. He also advised that background work has commenced on the Southeast County and the Southwest County Sector Plans and reported on the status of the review of City and County parking regulations, and the need for additional input from the County Government to provide guidance in development of those regulations. Mr. Donaldson also reported that the Comprehensive Planning Department of MPC has commenced review of potential Flood Zone amendments.

Dan Kelly of MPC Staff, looking resplendent in black golf socks juxtaposed against blindingly pale ankles, advised the Commissioners of the results of an appeal of the dog kennel application to the County BZA.

Mr. Donaldson then inquired whether a workshop would be helpful before consideration of the Sign Ordinance revisions set forth in Agenda Item 5 of the September Agenda. Based upon the comments of Commissioner Tocher and others, Mr. Donaldson announced that he will schedule a workshop in the following days and explained the process of the Sign Task Force and the level of consensus obtained by that body.

Tom Brechko of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 9. Ashley Williams rose to explain the position of the neighborhood association and responded to questions from Commissioners. Commissioner Charles Lomax joined the meeting at this time.

Upon inquiry from Commissioner Wakefield, Mr. Donaldson explained the impact of approved variances upon the ministerial approval processes of various other governmental departments. The Recording Secretary noted that the previous sentence is notoriously

vague. Mr. Brechko then explained the existing subdivision standards for road improvements regarding joint permanent easements. There followed a general discussion of the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 9.

Mr. Kelly, still resplendent, explained the history and status of a dispute over the applicant's authority to file Agenda Item 8, and explained the options available to the Commission in acting on the application. Gail Cox, current owner of the property described in Agenda Item 8, rose to explain her history with the applicant and her opposition to the application. There followed a general discussion about confirming the authority of persons to file applications with MPC.

Mr. Brechko then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 11 and responded to questions.

Mr. Brechko then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 12.

Michael Brusseau of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 23 and confirmed that the matter is expected to be on the Consent Agenda.

Tim Kuhn of MPC Staff then distributed electronic tablets to each of the Commissioners and initiated a hands-on, high-tech tutorial on the use of the new tablets by Commissioners to access the Agenda Packet and supporting material. Hilarity ensued. Mr. Kuhn generously offered private tutorials for Commissioners who remain flummoxed by the newfangled tool.

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

This 9th day of September, 2014.

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Stephen R. Wise  
Recording Secretary