

MINUTES
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, December 8, 2015
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, 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, Mac Goodwin, Scott Smith, Len Johnson, Bart Carey, Rebecca Longmire, Chair of MPC, Art Clancy, Jeff Roth, Janice Tocher, Michael Kane, Mike Crowder, and Laura Cole.

Also in attendance were MPC Executive Director, Gerald Green, and various MPC staff members.

Commission Chair Longmire called the meeting to order at 12:13 o'clock p.m. and advised the Commissioners of the scheduled funeral services for Sherrie Michienzi's mother, and reminded Commissioners of the need to make financial disclosures to the State of Tennessee as required by statute. Ms. Longmire further welcomed the newest Planning Commissioner, Mike Crowder, to the Commission.

MPC Executive Director, Gerald Green, likewise welcomed Commissioner Crowder to the meeting and reminded the Commissioners of a Christmas luncheon being provided by Staff at the MPC Offices on Friday, December 11.

Mr. Green updated the Commission on: (i) continued work on the mixed-use ordinance for the Bearden Area, advising that public input would be sought in the following weeks; (ii) the appeal of the restaurant facility on Sutherland Avenue by the Bearden Community which has been resolved by a compromise between the neighborhood and the developer, which primarily involves landscaping; (iii) updating of the Subdivision Regulations which is continuing apace; (iv) the review of parking standards in the City; and, (v) progress with development of a community plan for Midway, including the scheduling of public meetings.

Bryan Berry of MPC Staff then rose to discuss and explain the proposed North East County Sector Plan, by PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions. There followed a general discussion of the shift from Slope Protection classification to a Slope Protection Overlay. Assisting Mr. Berry with the explanation were Staff members Mike Reynolds, and finally Dan Kelly. In spite of those efforts, confusion remained.

Mr. Reynolds then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 32.

Michael Brusseau of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 34 and explained that the "right-of-way" designation for a portion of the property at issue is a result of the now abandoned Orange Route.

Tom Brechko of MPC Staff, who had remained surprisingly quiet up to this point in the meeting, then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 46. Although inviting questions from the Commissioners, none were forthcoming.

Commissioner Longmire then inquired as to the status of Agenda Item 36 at which point Mr. Brusseau explained the Staff recommendation and the request from a neighbor for imposing conditions on the rezoning. There followed a general discussion of the viability of conditional zoning of uses.

Commissioner Kane then inquired as to Agenda Item 41. Mr. Brusseau explained the strategy of the applicant in its Rezoning request in order to avoid a Plan Amendment request.

Mr. Reynolds then advised the Commissioners that the required site distance applicable to Agenda Item 47 may not be available.

Mr. Brechko then explicably began an exposition on the effect of lot depth on the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 9 and provided a brief status on the potential green way design and dedication associated with that application.

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

This 8th day of December, 2015.

Recording Secretary