

MINUTES
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, January 12, 2016
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 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, Rebecca Longmire, Chair of MPC, Herb Anders, Jeff Roth, Rev. Charles Lomax, Mike Crowder, Laura Cole, Janice Tocher, Bart Carey, Michael Kane, and Art Clancy.

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

Mr. Green called the meeting to order at approximately 12:05 o'clock p.m. The commencement time is an approximation since the official time clock which has historically perched in the middle of the northernmost wall of the Small Assembly Room, was mysteriously missing.

Mr. Green introduced Dr. Martha Buchanan and Kristy Altman to the Commissioners for a presentation about the Community Health Council, the Community Health Assessment, and the Community Health Improvement Plan. Dr. Buchanan rose to explain the Community Health Assessment and how the data available in that Assessment may be used by various community institutions.

Ms. Altman, Chair of the Community Health Council, then rose to explain the mission and purpose of the Community Health Council and to provide information about the Community Health Improvement Plan. Ms. Altman explained how actions will be employed to implement the Plan and responded to questions. In the course of that discussion Ms. Altman described ways that the MPC can act in the future to assist in the implementation of the action Plan. Dr. Buchanan rose again to answer questions regarding the current health status of the community.

Mr. Green then announced that long time MPC staff member Dan Kelly has been appointed as Deputy Executive Director of MPC (“DED”). An unknown wag in the room was overhead suggesting *sotto voce* that Mr. Kelly should henceforth be referred to as “Deputy Dan”. Mr. Green also announced that Amy Brooks has been appointed Manager of Integrated Planning, and that Jeff Welch, current Director of Transportation Planning will be assuming more responsibilities with MPC regarding budgeting. There will be a Staff retreat in the following weeks to help establish the priorities for the Work Plan, and Staff will be seeking input from the Commissioners.

Mr. Green then advised that Tom Brechko of MPC Staff has at long last finished proposed revisions to the Subdivision Regulations, with the revised document to be forwarded soon to various City departments for review and comment. Upon completion of

the review by the City, the draft will be circulated to community stakeholders for comment and potential revision, all prior to being presented to the Planning Commission for consideration.

Work on the City's parking space requirements is continuing. Staff has been tasked with revisions to the telecommunication towers ordinance provisions.

Mr. Green reminded the Commissioners that with the January Meeting, MPC will no longer be maintaining verbatim minutes of the meetings, but would employ an abbreviated format, with the ability to provide verbatim transcripts if needed.

Mike Reynolds of MPC Staff then provided an update on the development of Mix Use District Regulations with a helpful slideshow, and responded to questions from Commissioners.

Deputy Dan then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Items 11 and 12, focusing on the requirements for sidewalk construction.

There followed a general discussion about sidewalk requirements and the potential conflict with new storm water requirements.

Commissioner Kane left the meeting at this time.

Mike Brusseau of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 29. Upon inquiry from Commissioner Clancy, Mr. Brusseau explained the difference between the Plan Commercial Zone and the CA Zone in the County.

John King, a local attorney representing the applicant in Agenda Item 29, then rose to explain his client's response to the Staff recommendation.

Commissioner Anders left the Meeting at this time. Mr. King continued with his explanation. Commissioner Lomax left the Meeting at this time. Discussion regarding Agenda Item 29 continued.

Mr. Green then called upon MPC Staff member Tom Brechko to explain the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 45. Mr. Brechko inexplicably began discussing sidewalks as part of the proposed Subdivision Regulation revisions. Upon the conclusion of those unexpected remarks, Mr. Brechko eventually got around to explaining the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 45.

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

This 12th day of January, 2016.

Recording Secretary