

**MINUTES**  
**Agenda Review Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 12, 2017**  
**City – County Building**

Resuming the long standing tradition of convening at 11:30 o'clock a.m. on the Tuesday immediately prior to the second Thursday of each calendar month for the Agenda Review meeting, the Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, at 11:30 o'clock a.m. Eastern Standard Time, in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building for the monthly Agenda Review meeting. In attendance at the meeting (some of whom had donned gay apparel in a tip-'o-the-hat to the holiday season) were Planning Commissioners Mac Goodwin, Laura Cole, Charles Thomas, Janice Tocher, Rebecca Longmire, Chair of MPC, Art Clancy, III, Jeffery Roth, Gayle Bustin, Patrick Phillips, Mike Crowder, and Herb Anders.

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

Mr. Green called the meeting to order promptly at 11:41 o'clock a.m. and announced that the more recent tradition of commencing the Agenda Review Meeting with a dazzling Power-Point presentation in accompaniment to an outside speaker would once again be unavailable. Rather, the meeting commenced with the monthly Executive Director's Report, including the following:

- The Planning Commission Staff, in conjunction with the League of Women Voters, CTAS, MTAS, and others are organizing a Citizen's Planning Academy to be held on two (2) Saturdays in February, 2018. Details of the Academy and subject matter is available on MPC's outstanding website, [www.knoxmpc.org](http://www.knoxmpc.org).
- The Chapman Highway Implementation Strategy with the City of Knoxville continues to move forward with requests for letters of interest being followed by interviews next week. It is anticipated that the work will begin in earnest in early 2018.

Commissioner Elizabeth Eason joined the meeting at this time.

- The John Sevier Scenic Highway Corridor Study continues with community meetings being scheduled in early 2018. A Stakeholder Meeting has already been held with Staff in attendance. Additional information regarding this Corridor Study will be made available on MPC's outstanding website, [www.knoxmpc.org](http://www.knoxmpc.org).

Commissioner Chris Ooten joined the meeting at this time.

- Outreach efforts on the ReCode Knoxville project are ongoing with MPC's Executive Director having met with a diversity of interested groups, including: CCIM, Knoxville Area Association of Realtors, and the Democratic Socialists of Knoxville. Various organizations are putting together focus groups to help identify issues that will arise. A

public draft of the proposed ordinance is expected in March of 2018.

Commissioner Cole then expounded on the processes of the Citizen's Planning Academy scheduled for February, and solicited ideas for demonstration issues for discussion at the Academy classes.

Commissioner Scott Smith joined the meeting at this time.

Commissioner Phillips inquired whether the County is engaging in the Chapman Highway Implementation Strategy work. Jeff Welch of MPC Staff and Director of the TPO then rose to advise that the County will be invited to participate in the activities but that the efforts for the implementation are being headed up by TDOT, the TPO, and the City of Knoxville. Mr. Welch also invited the Commissioners to the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Tour de Lights event being held in Downtown Knoxville, featuring festively decorated bicycles and bicyclist, some of whom are expected to don gay apparel in a tip-'o-the-bicycle-helmet to the holiday season.

Commissioner Crowder then inquired about a perceived goatee contest. No audible response was noted.

Thereupon followed a general discussion (in lieu of a dazzling Power-Point presentation) of the remarks and comments of mixed-use developer Jeff Randolph which was made available to the Planning Commissioners and public earlier last month.

Commissioner Rev. Charles F. Lomax, Jr. joined the meeting at this time.

Discussion regarding opportunities to encourage mix-use development and impediments to that development continued, with the comments from Commissioners being both animated and civil.

Tom Brechko of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 13 and advised of the status of discussions with the adjoining subdivision regarding opportunities for shared access to the public road.

Mr. Brechko then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 19 utilizing multiple maps and aerial views of the property at issue in a dazzling Power-Point presentation orchestrated by Mike Reynolds of MPC Staff. The general consensus of the room affirmed that the modern Power-Point maps and aerial views presented a much superior tool over the projected photographs relied upon in earlier decades, which were lovingly prepared and organized by retired MPC Staff member, Ken Pruitt.

Mr. Reynolds then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 53 at great length and detail. There was unfortunate but brief confusion regarding the latest iteration of the blue sheet changes with a consensus finally forming that the latest blue sheets reflect the staff recommendation for approval with conditions.

Mr. Green then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 62 and the requisite appeal process.

Mr. Green then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 64 and responded to questions.

Commissioner Eason inquired as to the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 38 which was expounded upon by Mr. Reynolds including an evolution of the Staff analysis. Mr. Green advised the Commissioners of the direction given by City Council with regard to the application.

There being no further business, the Agenda Review meeting was duly adjourned.

This 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

Recording Secretary