

MINUTES
Knoxville-Knox County Planning Committee
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, February 12, 2019
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at 11:30 o'clock a.m. in the Small Conference Room of the City-County Building for the monthly Agenda Review meeting. In attendance were all of the Planning Commissioners with the exception of Richard Graf, Art Clancy, III and Elizabeth Eason. Also in attendance were the Commission's Executive Director, Gerald Green, and various staff members of Knoxville/Knox County Planning.

The Commission's Chair Person, Janice Tocher, called the meeting to order at 11:41 o'clock a.m., whereupon Mr. Green introduced Laurie Meskie with UT's Public Health Department and a member of the Knox County Community Health Council, who provided an update on the Community Health Council Improvement Plan, and provided information about surveys and studies being pursued and other activities of the Health Council.

Commissioners Art Clancy and Elizabeth Eason joined the meeting at this time.

Ms. Meskie continued her report, advising that the County Health Council had no specific request of the Commission at this time, but she hopes to continue to work with the Commission to improve health in Knox County.

Ms. Meskie advised that the Community Health Improvement Plan is near finalization for presentation to the public, and that upon completion the Community Health Council will commence preparation for the next Improvement Plan. Ms. Meskie answered questions from the Commissioners, assisted by Erin Reed regarding vaping practices among high school students and mental health priorities, especially for the homeless.

Commissioner Richard Graf joined the meeting at this time.

Mr. Green then provided the Monthly Executive Director's Report including the following:

1. The approval process for RECODE Knoxville continues with a City Council Workshop having been conducted last Thursday and another one scheduled for February 20. The comment deadline has been moved back to February 21, after which time a new draft incorporating the latest comments should be available to Council by early to mid-March.

2. County Commission has directed the County Mayor to reconvene the Growth Policy Planning Committee to update the Knox County Growth Policy Plan, and to initiate efforts to update the Knox County General Plan.

3. Staff is examining potential revisions to the County Zoning Ordinance streamlining the development process by allowing desirable development in more restrictive zones without the necessity of a rezoning. Discussion ensued.

4. Mr. Green advised that long time friend of the Commission, Arthur Seymour, is confronting serious health issues.

Jeff Welch of Knoxville/Knox County Planning Staff then provided an update on the Hardin Valley Mobility Study, accompanied by a dazzling PowerPoint presentation, which included multiple colors, various charts and graphs, aerial photos, a variety of interesting fonts, and detailed timelines including one featuring a serpentine graphic.

Mike Conger of Knoxville/Knox County Planning Staff then provided a status update on the Chapman Highway Improvement Implementation Plan, accompanied by a dazzling PowerPoint display, that featured spiffy fonts, bullet points, maps with a variety of colors and hues, charts, color photos and online survey results. Mr. Conger responded to questions.

Liz Albertson of Knoxville/Knox County Planning Staff then provided a brief status report on the John Sevier Scenic Highway Corridor Study but sadly **without** the accompaniment of a PowerPoint presentation, dazzling or otherwise. She announced that a more detailed status report will be provided at the March Agenda Review meeting.

Mike Reynolds of Knoxville/Knox County Planning Staff then provided the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 23 on the Commission's February Agenda.

Ms. Albertson then provided the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 26.

Mr. Reynolds then provided the Staff recommendation on Agenda Item 7 with a big emphasis on sinkholes.

Mr. Green then invited Tom Brechko of Knoxville/Knox County Planning Staff to provide the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 37. Inexplicably, Mr. Brechko began talking about Agenda Item 31 which was not even scheduled in the Agenda Review Meeting's Agenda. Perhaps he was not listening.

Upon conclusion his comments on Agenda Item 31 (which boiled down to an applicant request for postponement) Mr. Brechko finally addressed Agenda Item 37, which is also recommended for postponement. Having noted the pending postponement of Agenda Item 37, the Recording Secretary's mind wandered to the warm, sunny climes of Florida and its sandy beaches, and the balance of Mr. Brechko's lengthy comments went unrecorded.

Mr. Green then asked of Commissioners if they had questions about any unaddressed Agenda Items. Again, inexplicably, Mr. Brechko insisted on discussing Agenda Item 28, which he did at great length.

There followed a general discussion among Commissioners regarding TDOT's closing of access roads to Pellissippi Parkway.

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

This 12th day of February, 2019.

Recording Secretary