

MINUTES
Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 2020

The Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at 11:30 o'clock a.m. via remote tele-conferencing, for the monthly agenda review meeting.

Attending the meeting via a facilitated remote conferencing platform were Planning Commissioners, Gayle Bustin, Patrick Phillips, Tim Hill, Chris Ooten, Elizabeth Eason, Richard Graf, Jacqueline Dent, Mike Crowder, Jeff Roth, Art Clancy III, Tamara Boyer, and Janice Tocher, Chair of the Planning Commission.

Also in attendance were Gerald Green, Executive Director for the Commission, and various members of Knoxville-Knox County Planning ("Staff") who provide professional, technical, and clerical support to the Commission.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Green at 11:30 o'clock a.m., who thanked the Commissioners for their continued commitment to the community.

Mr. Green then provided the Executive Director's Monthly Report, which included the following:

1. Staff has prepared a plan for the return to the workplace, consistent with the Governor's mandate, and the guidance from the local Mayors' offices. That plan has been shared with the Executive Committee, and focuses on the protection of Staff and the public.
2. The City Mayor's office has approved the requested increase in funding to the Commission's budget. There has been no response from the County government, and the County may delay budget decisions until June,
3. Advertising has not commenced, so it should not be expected that a successor to the Commission's retiring Executive Director will be identified or hired by the end of the incumbent's tenure in early June. Mr. Green has recommended that Amy Brooks be appointed as interim director, as she is well qualified and prepared for the task.
4. Mr. Green welcomed Jacqueline Dent as the newest addition to the Commission. An orientation session for Ms. Dent will be scheduled in due course.
5. The State Planning Office has also approved the appointments of Sandra Korbelik and Karen Adams to the Commission. Ms. Korbelik will attend her

first meeting beginning in June, and Ms. Adams will join the body in July, upon the expiry of Chairperson Tocher's term. Commissioners Ooten, Browning and Clancy, III have each been reappointed for additional terms.

6. The Transportation Staff is working in concert with an outside consultant on revisions to the Regional Transportation Plan, but their efforts have been stymied by the difficulty in securing public participation, due to the restrictions occasioned by COVID – 19.

7. Staff has met with the City Mayor's Office to review City priorities for the upcoming fiscal year, which include: (i) a **LARGE**-small area study of the area immediately east of downtown; (ii) a revisit of the South Knoxville Waterfront Code; and, (iii) updates to the City Sector Plans.

Liz Albertson of Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Item 12 on the Commission's May Agenda, and responded to questions about access and density. A general discussion ensued. Tarren Barrett of Staff also chimed in to provide information on access issues, with the general discussion continuing for a little while.

Ms. Albertson then explained the Staff recommendations for Agenda Items 15 and 17, in turn, without follow-up questions.

Michelle Portier of Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 16, and responded to questions.

Mike Reynolds of Staff then began the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 19. A discussion quickly ensued regarding the challenges posed by cookie-cutter subdivision developments with non-functioning common areas. Mr. Reynolds then resumed and completed his explanation of the Staff recommendation.

Ms. Barrett sent a chat note to the participants that she did not feel the need to provide Staff comment on the next scheduled Item 25.

Mr. Reynolds then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 44. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Green then explained the Staff recommendations for Agenda Item 43.

Mr. Green then explained the Staff recommendations for Agenda Item 47, and responded to questions.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, and without a peep having been heard from short-timer Tom Brechko, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Recording Secretary