MINUTES Agenda Review Meeting Monday – March 5, 2012 City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on March 5, 2012, at 4:00 o'clock p.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building, for the monthly agenda review meeting. In attendance were Planning Commissioners Ursula Bailey, Jack Sharp, Mose Lobetti, Nate Kelly, Bart Carey, Rebecca Longmire, Chair of MPC, Laura Cole, Brian Pierce, Michael Kane and Jeffery Roth. Also in attendance were MPC Executive Director Mark Donaldson, and various members of the MPC staff.

Mr. Donaldson called the meeting to order, and reported to the Commissioners on land use activities of the City Council and County Commission since the last Agenda Review Meeting.

Mr. Donaldson then explained the staff recommendation for Agenda Item 5 of the March Agenda. There followed a discussion of mechanisms to control the number of cremations conducted in any single crematory facility, and the various social pressures affecting the perceived impact of a crematory in the community.

Mr. Donaldson then explained the staff recommendation for Agenda Item 6 of the March Agenda.

Michael Brusseau of MPC Staff explained the staff recommendation for Agenda Item 10 and provided highlights to the Commissioners of the proposed changes updating One Year Plan and the rationale behind such proposed changes.

Commissioner Lobetti left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the staff recommendation for Agenda Item 23 in the March Agenda and answered the Commissioners' questions regarding the need for changes to the Sector Plan. Commissioner Kane asked for a comparison between the applicability of PC-1 Zoning for the Item 23 property with an earlier staff recommendation regarding commercial property located near the intersection of Merchants Road and Clinton Highway. Mr. Donaldson explained that determining elements would include surrounding zones and the opportunity for vehicle circulation planning, and the fact that most of the property at Merchants Road and Clinton Highway has already been developed.

Mr. Brusseau discussed the distinctions between the SC-2 Zone and the PC-1 Zone.

Tom Brechko of MPC staff then explained the staff recommendation for Agenda Item 31 and responded to Commission inquiries about the anticipated size of the business on the property.

Mr. Brechko then discussed issues relating to Agenda Item 33, which is to be postponed at the March meeting.

Mr. Brusseau also advised the Commissioners that Agenda Item 28 will not be placed on the Consent Agenda because a neighbor had called regarding the application.

Commissioner Cole inquired about the prior history of applications, and the location of the parcels for Agenda Item 12, which were explained by staff.

There followed a brief recess after which time Mr. Donaldson conducted a PlanET visioning exercise with the Commissioners.

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

This 5th day of March, 2012.

Stephen R. Wise Recording Secretary