

MINUTES
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, June 7, 2011
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, June 7, 2011, 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, Rebecca Longmire, Robert Anders, Chairman of MPC, Art Clancy, Laura Cole, Wes Stowers and Michael Kane. Also in attendance were MPC Executive Director Mark Donaldson, and Executive Deputy Director Buz Johnson, as well as other various staff members.

Mr. Donaldson called the meeting to order at 12:00 o'clock Noon and reported on the actions of the City Council and the County Commission on land use issues since the last Agenda Review Meeting. Mr. Donaldson provide a status report on the five county regional planning process (PlanET) and reported that staff is optimistic that they will be able to select a planning consultant in short order. Mr. Donaldson advised the Commissioners of a planned work session for June 30 at 5:00 p.m. in MPC offices to review transportation issues and the regional planning process. The date and time is tentative, and further notices will be provided to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Bart Carey joined the meeting at this time.

Mr. Donaldson then explained the staff recommendation for Item 5 of the June Agenda.

Buz Johnson then explained the staff recommendation for Agenda Item 6 of the June Agenda, regarding the TTCDA.

Nathan Benditz of MPC Staff explained the staff recommendation for Item 9 of the Agenda being the Major Road Plan. There followed a discussion among Commissioners and Staff as how the Major Road Plan intersects with other long range transportation plans provided by MPC. Upon inquiry, Mr. Benditz also discussed the public participation in the process.

Commissioner Stan Johnson joined the meeting at this time.

Tom Brechko of MPC Staff explained the staff recommendation for Item 10. There followed the discussion among Commissioners of the implications of connections of subdivisions to adjoining stub-out streets, and a discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of connectivity between subdivisions.

Mr. Brechko then explained the staff recommendation for Item 13 in the Agenda.

Michael Brusseau of MPC explained the staff recommendation for Item 21 and responded to Commission inquiries about the applicant's opportunity for clearing and grading of the parcel regardless of the approval or disapproval of the application.

Mr. Brechko explained the staff recommendation to Item 31.

Commissioner Clancy left the meeting at this time. Commissioner Johnson left the meeting at this time.

Arthur Seymour, the attorney for the applicant on Item 31 rose to advise the Commission of his involvement in the application and the ongoing efforts to resolve any issues regarding the signage requested under Item 13.

Commissioner Longmire then inquired if Commissioners had received inquiries regarding Item 23 of the Agenda. At this point, John King rose to advise the Commission of his representation of a neighbor of the property at issue in Item 23, and that he would be resisting the proposed rezoning, pointing out the existing zoning structure in the area.

Arthur Seymour rose to advise the Commission of his representation of the applicant for Item 23 and explained the necessity for the industrial zone for his client's planned use of the property, and described such use and the history of the property.

Mr. King and Mr. Seymour each again rose in succession to repeat themselves.

Buz Johnson advised the Commissioners of the approval process employed by TTCDA and the reaction of that body to the application.

Mr. Seymour then advised the Commissioners that he would provide a written plan of the use for the property prior to the Thursday meeting.

Commissioner Longmire announced to her colleagues that they should anticipate the Thursday meeting will involve chickens.

Mr. Donaldson reminded the Commissioners of the luncheon meeting prior to the Thursday public meeting in Room 453 of the City-County Building at 11:30 o'clock a.m. for purposes of discussing and voting on the Excellence Awards.

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

This 7th day of June, 2011.

Stephen R. Wise
Recording Secretary