

MINUTES
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, May 7, 2013
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at Noon in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building, for the monthly Agenda Review Meeting. In attendance were Planning Commissioners Art Clancy, Jeff Roth, Brian Pierce, Rebecca Longmire, Chair of MPC, Lyn Johnson, Herb Anders, Jack Sharp, Janice Tocher, Laura Cole and Nate Kelly.

Also in attendance were MPC Executive Director Mark Donaldson, and various MPC staff members.

Mr. Donaldson called the meeting to order at 12:05 o'clock p.m., and reported on the activities of the City Council and the County Commission on land use issues since the last Agenda Review meeting. Commissioner Michael Kane and Commissioner Bart Jordan joined the meeting during the report by Mr. Donaldson.

Mr. Donaldson then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 5 of the May Agenda.

Tom Brechko of MPC Staff the explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 12. There followed a discussion of the required setbacks in that portion of the subdivision already established, as compared to the proposed new unit.

Mr. Brechko then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 13. There followed a general discussion among Commissioners regarding serial subdivisions on substandard joint permanent easements.

Mr. Brechko then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 15.

Mr. Brechko then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 18. Commissioners inquired about the grade of the property and the applicant's rationale for requesting a joint permanent easement rather, than building a public road. Staff advised that several lots, although facing a public road, may be inaccessible due to the slope limitations.

Commissioner Johnson left the meeting at this time.

Michael Brusseau of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 24 including his understanding of the actions of the TTCDA in its consideration of the application earlier in the week. Buz Johnson of MPC Staff then rose to set the record straight regarding TTCDA actions, advising that TTCDA had taken no action on the density of the property. Upon inquiries from Commissioner whether the applicant was amenable to the Staff recommendation of PR, Mr. Johnson replied "I think", and looked inquiringly to the applicant's representative, Arthur Seymour. Mr. Seymour then rose in response to the question, with the same "I think." Commissioner Longmire inquired of Mr. Seymour whether the applicant had paid fines for various violations on the property. Mr. Seymour again rose to advise the Commission that the violations were inherited by his client, but that all fines had been paid, and the problems were being remediated. Mr. Brusseau then offered additional explanation of the maps for the project that were included in the Agenda Packet.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the Staff recommendations for Agenda Items 25 and 30.

Buz Johnson then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 39.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 40 and responded to inquiries from the Commission regarding specific terms of the recommendation. Staff also responded to the inquiry of Commissioner Kane regarding the mechanisms for enforcement of the proposed conditions.

Mr. Brechko then confirmed to the Commission that the front yard setback on the property at issue in Agenda Item 12 is 20 feet, and provided a larger map of the proposed subdivision which was perused with interest by several of the Commissioners.

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

This 7th day of May, 2013.

Stephen R. Wise
Recording Secretary