

MINUTES
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, May 8, 2012
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, May 8, 2012, 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, Mose Lobetti, Robert Anders, Rebecca Longmire, Chair of MPC, Nate Kelly, Art Clancy, Jeffery Roth, Bart Carey, Michael Kane and Brian Pierce. Also in attendance were MPC Executive Director Mark Donaldson, and various MPC staff members.

Mr. Donaldson called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and reported on land use activities of the City Council and the County Commission since the last Agenda Review Meeting. Commissioner Ursula Bailey joined the meeting at this time.

Mr. Donaldson then advised the Commissioners that Items 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the May agenda relating to Hillside and Ridge Top protection are being recommended for postponement since City Engineering had not responded to the revisions prepared at their instance as a result of a meeting since last Planning Commission meeting.

Mr. Donaldson then explained the Staff recommendation for Item 5 in the May agenda, and advised of the additional public meeting which was held at the request of the Planning Commissioners, at which time all of the local funeral home establishments were invited. Mr. Donaldson also gave further explanation of the Staff recommendation.

Commissioner Stan Johnson joined the meeting at this time.

Commissioner Clancy suggested that a crematory applicant should bring evidence of their compliance with air quality and air emission permits as a pre-requisite to the filing of the application. He further expressed a preference for a Use on Review process to be applicable in all instances other than in an I-4 zone. Mr. Donaldson advised Commissioners that he would prepare an alternate recommendation by the Thursday meeting incorporating the Use on Review request. Upon inquiry of Commissioner Kane, Mr. Donaldson explained the discretion available to the Commissioners in the Use on Review process. There followed a general discussion of how the planning process might anticipate the effect of the market on the cremation demand and the need to integrate industry standards.

Jamie Rowe then rose to inform the Commission of her belief that much misinformation is being circulated throughout the community regarding the crematory regulations. She also advised the Commission of her understanding of the testing required by the Air Quality Control Office.

Dan Kelly of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendations for Item 34 of the May Agenda, and advised Commission of the pending request for postponement by the applicant to allow an opportunity for mediation.

Arnold Cohen, attorney for the applicant on Item 34 rose to advise that his client had met with the neighborhood regarding both the substance of the application and the pending request for postponement.

Mr. Kelly then explained the Staff recommendation for Item 40.

Buz Johnson of MPC Staff then explained the history of the MPC's preparation of the City's Capital Improvement Program which is referenced as Item 41 in the Agenda, and how that role had diminished over time. Commissioner Kane expressed his belief that MPC should take a more active role in the preparation of Capital Improvement Program. There followed a general discussion about the influence and the role of Capital Improvement Program.

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was duly adjourned.

This 8th day of May, 2012.

Stephen R. Wise
Recording Secretary