

MINUTES
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, September 8, 2015
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at Noon in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building for the Monthly Agenda Review Meeting. In attendance after a beautiful but taxing Labor Day weekend were Planning Commissioners Jack Sharp, Scott Smith, Len Johnson, Laura Cole, Rebecca Longmire, Chair of MPC, Michael Kane, Elizabeth Eason, Bart Carey, Herb Anders, and Janice Tocher.

Also in attendance were MPC Executive Director, Gerald Green, and various MPC staff members.

Ms. Longmire called the meeting to order at 12:12 o'clock p.m. sharp and turned the proceedings over to Mr. Green. Mr. Green thereupon welcomed all in attendance and provided a status report on discussions between the developer and neighbors concerning the proposed development located at the corner of Broadway and Gibbs Road, advising that the matter will likely appear again before MPC in the following months. Mr. Green further advised that the MPC's Annual Meeting will be held at the October Public Meeting in accordance with MPC's bylaws. Finally, Mr. Green advised that periodically Staff and others will provide presentations during the Agenda Review Meetings beyond the scope of the pending land use applications, so as to engage the Commission in a broader understanding of impacts on land use decisions.

Mike Reynolds of MPC Staff then provided a presentation on the Bearden Mixed Use Development study which is currently underway. At the conclusion of the presentation, there followed a general discussion among Commissioners and Staff about the redevelopment opportunities available in the Bearden District, in light of potential Mixed Use District revisions.

Tom Brechko of MPC Staff then advised the Commissioners to expect a revised recommendation on Agenda Item 9 due to the fact that an associated rezoning necessitating the request for postponement had been withdrawn. Mr. Brechko then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 10, following which there was a general discussion among Commissioners of the role of MPC in requiring developers to complete improvements to subdivision developments not required by Use on Review Appraisals but marketed to buyers.

Mike Reynolds, still catching his breath from the Staff report on the Bearden Mixed Use Development Study, explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 40 and responded to questions regarding the emailed comments contained in the Commissioners' packet.

Continuing with all the heavy lifting, Mr. Reynolds then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 43, including the need for a postponement to allow time for Staff to consider recently submitted revisions to the plan concerning access to 17th Street. Michael Brusseau of MPC Staff sat silently at his post.

Mr. Green then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 5.

Chairperson Longmire then asked for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. After a brief but pregnant pause, Ms. Longmire announced that Commissioners Tocher and Anders had volunteered to join Commissioner Cole in service on the Nominating Committee.

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

This 8th day of September, 2015.

Recording Secretary