

**MINUTES**  
**Agenda Review Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 9, 2015**  
**City – County Building**

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission Convened on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, at Noon in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building for the Monthly Agenda Review Meeting. In attendance were Planning Commissioners Elizabeth Eason, Mac Goodwin, Scott Smith, Michael Kane, Len Johnson, Bart Carey, Rebecca Longmire, Chair of MPC, Art Clancy, Laura Cole, Janice Tocher, Herb Anders, Jack Sharp, and Charles Lomax, Jr. Also in attendance were MPC Interim Executive Director, Jeff Welch, and various MPC staff members.

Ms. Longmire called the meeting to order at 12:06 o'clock p.m. and announced that Planning Commissioner Jim Wakefield has advised of his resignation from the Planning Commission due to health issues. Ms. Longmire expressed her best wishes for Mr. Wakefield in the future.

Mr. Welch then advised Commissioners that the newly hired Executive Director of MPC, Gerald Green, will commence his tenure on July 1, and provided a short biography of Mr. Green's professional career. Mr. Welch also announced that he will plan introductory meetings with the Commissioners and Mr. Green as the opportunity presents itself. Mr. Welch also advised that the FY 2015-2016 Budget for MPC appears to be in good shape and provided details regarding major points of that Budget.

Mr. Welch then reported on land use activities of the City Council and County Commission since the last Agenda Review Meeting.

Mike Reynolds of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Item 5 of the June Agenda and responded to questions from the Commissioners regarding historical landmark signs and restrictions on window signs in the various zones. Dan Kelly of MPC Staff offered an explanation of City Council's approach to the regulation of window signage and explained the status of the proposed amendment before MPC. There followed a general discussion of the role of MPC in its review, and inquiries regarding the numeration of the revised draft.

Michael Brusseau of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 25. After discussion among Commissioners, the applicant, John Huber, rose to respond to questions regarding access to the property and the impact of the railroad on that access. Mr. Huber also advised of his discussions with the neighbors about his plans for the property. Commissioner Kane inquired about ownership of the creek abutting the property and discussed the need for approvals from TVA and others prior the removal of any trees or vegetation from the property abutting the redline stream. There followed a general discussion of the proposed density, and how that portion of the property located below TVA's 820 Contour is excluded when calculating density.

Tom Brechko of MPC Staff then reported that Agenda Items 28 and 29, the highly anticipated cell tower applications, are both being recommended for postponement based upon requests from neighborhood opposition and upon requests from the applicant's lawyer. Mr. Brechko then referred Commissioners to the exposition on cell towers by MPC's Consultant, Larry Perry, as set forth in the Blue Sheets, and explained the role that Mr. Perry plays with regard to the Staff recommendation. There followed a general discussion of the role and authority of MPC in approving and/or denying of cell towers. Kelly Ellenburg from the Fountain City Community then rose to remind Commissioners of the information she had previously submitted by email setting forth her fear of decreasing land values, and the inadequacy of the balloon locations.

John King, a local lawyer and frequent advocate at MPC meetings, then rose to inquire whether approvals are needed to provide complete coverage for any and all telecommunication providers, rather than only providing for service availability from only one provider in all locations. There followed a general and lively discussion regarding the burden of the Planning Commission in that regard.

Mr. Brechko then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 30, but only after misleading everyone that the Agenda Item was numbered 34.

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

This 9th day of June, 2015.

Recording Secretary