

MINUTES
Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 2020

The Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at 11:30 o'clock a.m. via remote tele-conferencing, for the monthly agenda review meeting.

Attending the meeting via a facilitated remote conferencing platform were Planning Commissioners, Gayle Bustin, Patrick Phillips, Tim Hill, Chris Ooten, Elizabeth Eason, Jacqueline Dent, Jeffrey Roth, Art Clancy III, Scott Smith, Sandra Korbelik, and Janice Tocher, Chair of the Planning Commission.

Also in attendance were Gerald Green, Executive Director for the Commission, and various members of Knoxville-Knox County Planning ("Staff") who provide professional, technical, and clerical support to the Commission.

Mr. Green called the meeting to order at 11:34 o'clock a.m., and expressed his appreciation to the Commissioners and to Staff for their patience and hard work in carrying out the Commission's work during these peculiar times.

Mr. Green then welcomed the Commission's newest member, Sandra Korbelik, and invited her to briefly introduce herself to the Commission, which she did with aplomb.

Mr. Green then reminded the Commission that Thursday's meeting would be the swan song for two of the incumbent Commissioners, whose terms are expiring. Arthur Vincent Clancy the Third, was appointed by both City Mayors and County Mayors to the Commission at various times over the years, such that the commencement date of his service is beyond the memory of man. Some seem to recall that his first term began shortly after the organization of the League of Nations, but there is no certainty on the matter. His goodwill, pleasant disposition, and trigger-quick motion making will be missed. Janice Tocher will also be completing her service with the Commission after eight years of sincere commitment to the betterment of the community, including the past two years serving as Chair of the Commission. Her passion, leadership and dedication will also be missed.

Mr. Green also reminded the Commission that due to his well-earned retirement Thursday will be the final monthly meeting for long time Staff member Tom Brechko. During his 21-year career with the Commission Staff, Tom was instrumental in revisions to both zoning ordinances, a rewrite of the Subdivision Regulations, and the review of countless subdivision applications, including the obligatory conferences with developer/applicants...some pleasant and productive...others...not so much. Mr. Brechko was offered an opportunity to speak to the Commission which he used to great advantage and at great length. Tom will be missed for many reasons, not the least of

which is his role as fodder for these minutes, which we fear become utterly boring without his presence. We'll see...

Mr. Green then provided an abbreviated Executive Director's Monthly Report, which included the following:

1. Staff has commenced work on a Regional Mobility Plan. The initial phase is the collection of public input, which has been made much more of a challenge due to the limitations occasioned by the Corona virus pandemic.
2. A draft of the FY 2020-2021 Work Plan has been completed and reviewed by the Executive Committee. The document will be further refined after consultation with the constituent governments, and will be presented to the Commission in due course.

Amy Brooks of Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Item 8 on the Commission's May Agenda, and responded to questions. A general discussion ensued.

Ms. Brooks then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Items 14, and responded to questions.

Michelle Portier of Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 6, and responded to questions. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Richard Graf joined the virtual meeting at this time. Continuing with the discussion of Agenda Item 6, Tarren Barrett of Staff weighed in on the requirement for traffic studies in context with rezoning requests.

Ms. Portier then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 7. Discussion ensued regarding access, development trends, and floodplain limitations.

Ms. Portier then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 11. Commissioner comments ensued.

Mike Reynolds of Staff, evidently recognizing and fearing a great void of verbosity with the retirement of Mr. Brechko, then explained at great length the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 15. He responded to Commissioner's questions, and a lively discussion ensued.

Mr. Reynolds then explained (again at great length) the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 16. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Reynolds then explained (once again at great length) the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 24. Discussion ensued.

Efforts by Mr. Brechko to explain the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 17

were delayed as he struggled with sharing his computer screen with the other participants in the virtual meeting. Happily, Ms. Brooks was standing at the ready, and was able to assist Mr. Brechko in his struggles. With her helpful intervention, Mr. Brechko was finally able to complete his report without further event. Upon conclusion, discussion ensued.

Mr. Brechko then offered his final explanation of a Staff recommendation, for Agenda Item 22. As was expected and dreaded, the explanation was lengthy...go figure. He then responded to Commissioner questions, and discussion ensued.

Ms. Portier then outlined potential issues for discussion among the Commissioners arising from the application associated with Agenda Item 27, noting that no vote would be taken on the matter, but that information and advice on the parameters of the proposal would be solicited.

Mr. Green the provided a brief overview of the Commission's proposed FY 2020-2021 Budget, and welcomed questions and comments from the Commission.

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

Recording Secretary