Public Stakeholder Advisory Committee

**Date | time** 7/19/2017 10:00 AM  
**Location** Large Assembly Room, City-County Building

**Goals:** Update members on project status, presentation of technical report and staff comments, overview of public outreach efforts and survey results, identification of next steps

**Attendees:** Committee members, City and MPC staff, Camiros staff, members of the public

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1. *Rick Blackburn—President, Knox Heritage Board of Directors
2. *Dr. Martha Buchanan—Executive Director, Knox County Health Department
4. *Dr. Caroline Cooley—President, Bike Walk Knoxville
5. *Mary English—Land Use & Environmental Director, League of Women Voters of Knoxville-Knox County
6. *Chris Folden, Representative, Home Builders’ Association of Greater Knoxville
7. *Duane Grieve—Vice Mayor’s Selection from City Council
8. *Brian Hann—Past President, Appalachian Mountain Bike Club
10. *Dave Irwin—Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Services, University of Tennessee
11. *Amy Midis—Neighborhood Advisory Council, Seat A (At Large)
12. *Amy Nolan—Vice President of Public Policy, Knoxville Chamber of Commerce
13. Joy O’Shell—Outreach Director, Knoxville Entrepreneur Center
15. *Patrick Phillips—City Mayor Appointee to the Metropolitan Planning Commission
16. *Jennifer Roche—Government Affairs Director, Knoxville Area Association of Realtors
17. *John Sanders—Member, The American Institute of Architects, East TN Chapter
18. *Jim Staley—Legislative Liaison, Certified Commercial Investment Member, East TN Chapter
19. *Stephanie Welch—President, Great Schools Partnership
20. *Brenna Wright—Owner, Abbey Fields Farm

**MPC Staff:** Gerald Green, Amy Brooks, Ally Ketron, Liz Albertson, Elizabeth Watkins, Betty Jo Mahan

**City Law Dept:** Crista Cuccaro

**City Inspections:** Peter Ahrens

**Camiros staff:** Arista Strungys, Chris

**Public Works:** David Brace
| Topic | | | |
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| ☐ Welcome | | Gerald | |
| Reminded all to check Recode website at | | | |
| ☐ Project Status | Gerald, Arista | | |
| ☐ Technical Report Discussion | Arista, Chris | | |
| Structure organization | | | |
| Not revising sign and parking now. | | | |
| Use approach – modernizing, generic terms to cover broader range, combine in one chapter, temporary uses, | | | |
| Initial districts reorganization – posed questions based on analysis, looked at overlays in terms of base districts | | | |
| Development standards – accessory uses and structures, allow accessory dwelling units, | | | |
| Landscape – combine all together and maintain compatibility, screening | | | |
| Administration – clarify how processed and propose flexibilities, site plan reviews, nonconformities. | | | |
| First preliminary draft and continue to do revisions and updates. Another version for public document formatted to get input from the public and get your input. | | | |
| Like to get public comment first then come back to the committee. Comments should be sent to Gerald Green at MPC. Gerald asked for general comments today and substantive after second draft to public. | | | |
| This draft is high level at this point for the public. Specific comments we will keep track of and include when actually drafting ordinance. | | | |
| Asked if changes use. Everything is grandfathered. Trying to fix so much nonconformance. Just for things moving forward. May have to come into compliance during redevelopment or landscaping. | | | |
| Asked about a transition period. Christa vested rights status if started your project retain old code if project started beyond planning without bringing to city. | | | |
| ☐ Public Outreach/Survey Results | Gerald, Amy | | |
| 1612 responses | | | |
| Results seem to be in light with approach outlined by the City Administration. | | | |
| Tried to make zoning understandable to the general public. | | | |
| Allowing more mixed uses, putting uses in closer proximity to each other. | | | |
| Protecting single family neighborhoods. Standards match the current residential neighborhoods. | | | |
Strong preference for multimodal means of transportation.
Want to encourage reuse of small commercial areas.
Prefer design standards that encourage creativity and reuse.
Preservation of open space and existing trees high priority.
Over half of comments addressed walkability, pedestrian friendly, alternative modes of transportation.
Balance of people wanting individual property rights and protecting neighbors’ property rights.
How to keep housing affordable while maintaining character of neighborhoods.
Comments on allowing tiny homes, short term rentals.
Comments on lighting standards and be sure not overwhelming.

Question and comments from Committee members:

Asked about the demographics and info on how age groups are thinking since a difference in views. Gerald working on getting input from younger community and Hispanic community. Will attend regular meetings of any organized group.

Asked the committee to continue sending any comments or info stimulate

Asked about if only digital or in print. Leaving out persons who do not have internet. Could it be made available in Spanish as Hispanic is also part of our future.

Will use survey as general direction and not as justification for direction of changes to zoning code.

Education component to get people to understand what zoning is and survey helps that.

Incorporating County with the City code?? Consultants looking at City unless some County standards applicable. MPC is looking at recommendations or standards to see if applicable to County.

Less is more with design standards. Do not like to use design standards to dictate architecture.

Put pieces of form districts into chapters where they go but keep them the way they are.

Encourage adding

☐ Next Steps

Technical report revision using staff comments for general public review in a couple of weeks to review then week or so to format mid to end of August.

Public meeting with the technical report and then meeting of this committee – mid September 20, Wednesday. Every other month.

Will share comments and ideas sent to committee with public on MPC web site.

Let Gerald Green know of any groups to make a presentation to on the Recode Update.

Arista, Gerald
Would be winter before review first draft with committee.

- **Other Items**
  - MPC is reviewing the parking ordinance, draft 34.
  - C-3 and C-6
  - NC
  - RFP for consultant implementation strategy for improvements along Chapman Highway.

- **Next Meeting Date**
  - September 20

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**Public Input**

Amy Cornwell NAACP: Challenge committee members to engage in public participation by reaching out to the constituency you represent.

Andrew Wilson, South Knoxville: Consider sending out packets to neighborhood meetings (Gerald Green made a presentation to the neighborhood advisory committee). Will send ReCode information to Debbie Sharp also.