

October 5, 2009

## Meetings

- The **MPC Executive Committee** meeting has been moved to Thursday, October 8 at 1 p.m. The Committee will consider the first budget amendment for FY 2009-2010 and make a recommendation to the Commission.
- As required by MPC's By Laws, the **Annual Meeting of the Planning Commission** will be held immediately following the MPC Meeting. The annual report for fiscal year 2008-2009 will be presented.
- Staff from Information Services will be meeting as part of the **PEFA Jefferson County** Resource Committee on October 8 in the Dandridge Health Department Community Room at 9 a.m. to kick off their work with Jefferson County schools to project school enrollments and analyze school facilities.
- A public meeting for the **Knox-Blount, Alcoa-Maryville Greenway Master Plan** will be held at the Blount County Library, Sharon Lawson Meeting Room at 6:30 p.m. on October 8.
- TPO's Nathan Benditz will be attending the 2009 Annual Meeting of the **Intelligent Transportation Society** of Tennessee this week.
- For the **quarterly meeting of the Knoxville chapter of the American Planning Association (KAPA)** on October 14, members will visit Grove Park Commons, a new Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) being developed in Oak Ridge. TND's are most notable for their compact design, street connectivity, walkability and green spaces or park areas.

## MPC Recognized

The Tennessee chapter of the American Planning Association (TAPA) at its annual conference recognized MPC's planning efforts - as implemented by Knoxville's Community Development Department and Knox Housing Partnership - in the development of LEED certified infill houses on Chestnut Street and Houston Street with its **2009 Outstand Planning Award for Green Development**. MPC's **Martin Luther King, Jr. Corridor Plan**, adopted in 2006, identified the need and opportunity for residential infill development in the area. The agencies worked within MPC's **Infill Housing Guidelines**, prepared in 2005 and adopted in 2007 with the first Infill Housing Overlay zone district, and incorporated the recommendations of MPC's **Visitability Report**, which promotes accessibility, completed in 2008. This is the second year in a row that TAPA has recognized the MPC at its annual conference. In 2008, MPC received the Outstanding Planning Award for Implementation for its Downtown Design Guidelines, adopted in 2007.

## Comprehensive Planning

On September 29, staff took part in the **Midway Roundtable Discussion** hosted by the UT Law Faculty to share information with the area's various stakeholders. The meeting was suggested by citizens at the last of the **East County Sector Plan** meetings this summer.

Staff also are in the process of completing the **technical report and plan for the Hillside and Ridgetop Task Force**, which will then be available on the MPC website.

## Welcome

Welcome to **Alisa Ashouri**, who joins TPO as the Smart Trips Coordinator.

## Join our Mailing List

To further enhance our communication efforts, MPC is launching a new **e-mail mailing list**. Those who sign up can choose to receive weekly meeting announcements, bi-weekly copies of the MPC Update, monthly notices of agenda activity or MPC's Quarterly newsletter. A link to sign up is available on the MPC website.

## MPC Calendar

The MPC website now features an extended calendar that lists all public meetings scheduled by MPC through the end of 2009 in addition to the existing rollover calendar feature on the website front page and a printable pdf calendar for the current month.