

BOUNDARY COMMISSION
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 2001

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Ted Armstrong, Jane Arnold, Bob Ford, Agnes Garino, Dee Joyner, Greg Kloeppel, Ilene Ordower, Johnnie Spears and Don Wojtkowski

Commissioners Absent: Matt Armstrong and Thomas Hayek

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:

Dan Krasnoff, Boundary Commission Executive Director
David Hamilton, Boundary Commission Legal Counsel

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lori Fiegel, St. Louis County Planning Department

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Wojtkowski called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on September 25, 2001. The meeting was held at the offices of the Boundary Commission, 1516 S. Brentwood Boulevard, Brentwood, Missouri.

ROLL IS CALLED – QUORUM DECLARED

The roll was called and a quorum declared by Mr. Wojtkowski.

APPROVE AGENDA

Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Joyner seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

APPROVE MINUTES

Ms. Garino made a motion to approve the minutes of August 28, 2001. Mr. Spears seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

Ms. Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes of Public Hearing, BC0101. Ms. Joyner seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

Ms. Arnold made a motion to amend the minutes of Public Hearing, BC0102. The third sentence in the seventh full paragraph on page four was changed to, *Street repairs were estimated to cost at least \$225,000.* The eighth sentence of the seventh full paragraph of page four was changed to, *He will talk to the residents to see what kinds of improvements*

they want, and then spending plans can be adjusted accordingly. Mr. Kloepfel seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Krasnoff said he sent Mr. Theodis Brown, of Castle Point, copies of two pages of petitions from an incorporation proposal submitted to the previous Boundary Commission. Mr. Brown said he would give the copies to Mr. Allen Gill, Ferguson's City Manager. Mr. Brown's organization would like Ferguson to annex Castle Point.

Mr. Krasnoff said he received a call from a Mr. Thurman, who lives in Ferguson and opposes the annexation of Castle Point. He wanted to know how the Boundary Commission effected the annexation process. He would make Ferguson aware of his opposition to annexation.

Mr. Krasnoff said the Commission received two letters opposing the annexation of Crest Aire. He said the letters were included in the information sent to Commissioners in preparation for that night's meeting.

Mr. Krasnoff said Mr. Vic Volland of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* would come to the Commission's office the next morning to see the Crest Aire proposals submitted by Hazelwood and Florissant. The *Post-Dispatch* is doing a follow-up story on Crest Aire.

Mr. Wojtkowski asked Mr. Krasnoff to describe recent activity regarding the lawsuit between St. Louis County and Florissant. Mr. Martin had asked Mr. Krasnoff if the Commission had an opinion regarding a proposed continuance in the case. Mr. Krasnoff asked Mr. Martin if it would move the process forward to oppose a continuance. Mr. Martin said it might. Mr. Krasnoff asked Mr. Wojtkowski what position he thought the Commission should take. Mr. Wojtkowski informed Mr. Krasnoff the Commission should not involve itself in the issue. Mr. Krasnoff told Mr. Martin the Commission supported a continuance. A new trial date has been set for November 30, 2001.

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Krasnoff met with Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Wojtkowski to review bids for the Commission's, Director's and Officers' Insurance. Most Commissioners supported obtaining coverage with the Scottsdale Insurance Company, whose bid included: \$30,000 of non-monetary damage coverage, and a \$2 million limit of monetary damages. The coverage cost approximately \$2,500.00.

Mr. Wojtkowski said there was an extremely low probability of the Commission being involved in litigation and the Scottsdale Company becoming insolvent. He decided it was better, therefore, to contract for the coverage with the higher damage limit.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Revisions to the Boundary Commission's By-Laws

Mr. Krasnoff described the proposed By-Laws changes. Most of the amendments simplified the wording of the By-Laws. Mr. Krasnoff reminded the Commission that the impetus to create attendance by telephone was to ensure that the Commission could meet in order to perform required procedural tasks such as, declaring a proposal complete and setting the date for a public hearing. Public hearings could not be held telephonically. The Commission decided not to include wording that stated a preference for attendance at meetings in person.

Mr. Krasnoff said the staff would set up a mock teleconference to ensure the Commission had proper equipment to hold such a meeting.

Ms. Arnold opposed the amendment of Section 7.4 that dealt with reconvening a meeting when there was no quorum.

Ms. Garino made a motion to approve the proposed amendments to the By-Laws, changing "affecting," in section two, to *effecting*; inserting a new Section 7.4 for Telephonic Meetings and increasing the numbers of the following sub-sections of Section 7 by one digit. The proposed amendment to the existing Section 7.4, dealing with quorums and adjourning meetings, was not included in the changes. Mr. Ted Armstrong seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Ayes: Ted Armstrong, Arnold, Ford, Garino, Joyner, Kloeppel, Ordower, Spears and Wojtkowski. Nays: None. *The motion passed.*

B. Vote to close the meeting for the purpose of addressing personnel matters in accordance with Section 610.021 (3) RSMo.

Mr. Ford made a motion to close the meeting for the purpose of addressing personnel matters in accordance with Section 610.021 (3) RSMo. Ms. Arnold seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

Roll call vote on a motion to increase the salary of the Executive Director by 7% retroactive the first anniversary date of his hiring. Ayes: Ted Armstrong, Arnold, Ford, Garino, Joyner, Kloeppel, Ordower, Spears and Wojtkowski. Nays: None. *The motion passed.*

Mr. Ted Armstrong made a motion to end the closed portion of the meeting. Ms. Arnold seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

Mr. Ted Armstrong made a motion to re-open the meeting. Mr. Ford seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

OLD BUSINESS

A. BC0101 & BC0102 Discussion of Process for Review of Florissant and Hazelwood, Crest Aire Proposals

Mr. Krasnoff distributed the *Proposal Review Worksheet*. The *Worksheet* would assist Commission members in considering the “best interest test.” Mr. Wojtkowski said the *Worksheet* included factors he thought were important when considering proposals. Additional factors could be included in the document. Commission members responded positively to the creation of the *Worksheet*.

Mr. Ted Armstrong was concerned that the document did not mirror the factors set out in the statute closely enough. Mr. Krasnoff was to re-draft the *Worksheet* to include, but not be limited to, the factors listed in the statute.

Mr. Wojtkowski mentioned the need for discussion of Fire Protection District and TGA issues on the *Worksheet*, as well as possibly having someone come in to explain Traffic Generation Assessment/Trust Fund areas to the current Commission. He asked everyone to quickly focus on the *Worksheet* and provide feedback to Mr. Krasnoff.

Mr. Krasnoff said the deadlines for a Commission decision on the Florissant and Hazelwood proposals were: March 22, 2002 and April 10, 2002. Only five Commission meetings were scheduled before the first deadline. Mr. Wojtkowski told Mr. Krasnoff to circulate a calendar and *Worksheet* draft, before the next meeting.

Ms. Garino said it is important for each Commissioner to have all the information they personally need to make an informed decision. She asked if the Commission had received the information they requested at the public hearings from the municipalities and the County. Mr. Krasnoff said he had received some information from Florissant. Ms. Garino suggested contacting anyone who had not provided information, in writing.

Mr. Ford asked if an evaluation of lost revenue for the County would come from the municipalities or from St. Louis County. Ms. Fiegel said the County would provide such an analysis.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ford made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ted Armstrong seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Krasnoff

Approved: October 23, 2001