

BOUNDARY COMMISSION
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
MEETING MINUTES

December 11, 2001

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Matt Armstrong, Ted Armstrong, Bob Ford, Agnes Garino, Thomas Hayek, Dee Joyner, Greg Kloeppel, Johnnie Spears and Don Wojtkowski

Commissioners Absent: Jane Arnold and Ilene Ordower

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Louis Jearls, City of Florissant, Director of Public Works
Edwin G. Carlstrom, City of Hazelwood, City Manager
Donnie Bryant, City of Hazelwood, Finance Director
Steven Anderson, City of Hazelwood, Economic Developer
Carl Wolf, City of Hazelwood, Police Chief
Tom Manning, City of Hazelwood, Director of Public Works
Lori Fiegel, St. Louis County, Comprehensive Planning Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Wojtkowski called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on December 11, 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. Garino made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Ford seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Spears made a motion to amend the minutes of November 27, 2001, changing the second sentence in the third full paragraph of page six to state, “The Commission could defer the date of its *vote* on the proposals, if necessary.” Mr. Matt Armstrong seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Krasnoff said he would be out of the office December 16-19 and 26-30, 2001. The office would be closed entirely from December 26-29, 2001.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

A. BC0101 & BC0102 Review of Florissant and Hazelwood, Crest Aire Proposals
Mr. Wojtkowski said the Commission would vote on the proposals. He said BC 0101 would be considered first because it was submitted first.

Mr. Ted Armstrong noted two members were not in attendance. He suggested a “straw vote” be taken to determine the general sense of the Commission regarding the proposals. Mr. Wojtkowski asked for each member’s opinion regarding the proposals.

Mr. Hayek asked if the Commission could approve both, BC 0101 and BC 0102. The consensus of the Commission was that its approval of both proposals could not take place because that would lead to elections in which the voters could approve both annexations.

Mr. Hayek said there is a greater identity of community between the annexation area and Florissant, as opposed to the annexation area and Hazelwood. The character of the neighborhood is similar in both Florissant and Crest Aire. He noted the section of Hazelwood adjacent to the annexation area is comprised of new houses that are significantly more expensive than houses in the annexation area. Furthermore, the streets in Hazelwood do not connect to those in the annexation area.

Mr. Hayek said Florissant provided some additional recreational facilities, as opposed to Hazelwood. Tax savings of approximately \$250 per household was the strongest reason to support annexation by Hazelwood. He said the voters, who would have to approve the annexation, could best determine the importance of the tax implications of annexation. He did not think there was a significant difference between the cities in terms of the quality of services, such as police and building inspections. Mr. Hayek said he would vote to approve the Florissant proposal. Approval of the proposal provides for logical municipal boundaries in the County. Crest Aire is a small area that is remote from County services and is better served by Florissant.

Mr. Matt Armstrong said he concurred with Mr. Hayek.

Ms. Garino concurred with Mr. Hayek. Approving the proposal was sound in terms of planning, community interest and the interest of the entire County.

Ms. Joyner said she would vote to approve the Florissant, Crest Aire proposal for the reasons already stated.

Mr. Ted Armstrong said his first thought was the impact of the proposal on St. Louis County. He said St. Louis County should not be servicing the annexation area. He would vote to support the Florissant proposal.

Mr. Spears said he concurred in supporting the Florissant proposal.

Mr. Ford said Hazelwood had a better financing package. He said its plan for street lighting was emblematic of the City's commitment to the annexation area. He said there was no Florissant representative at the previous Commission meeting.

Mr. Kloeppe said he reviewed each aspect of the statute. Florissant had a shared identity with the annexation area. He said annexation by Florissant will lead to reasonable municipal boundaries. He said homes in Crest Aire and the adjacent areas of Florissant are similar in cost, \$75,000-\$100,000; and in size, 800-1200 square feet. He will vote for Florissant's proposal.

Mr. Wojtkowski said the County could service the annexation area. He supports annexation because the area is remote and residents have not received the same quality of services as other unincorporated residents. He said annexation is in the hands of the voters. He agrees with the consensus that the geography and identity of the community point to a stronger relationship with Florissant than with Hazelwood.

Mr. Wojtkowski said two members could not attend the meeting. He said their votes would not change the Commission's decision regarding the proposals. Therefore, he felt it was fine to hold the vote at that night's meeting.

Ms. Garino made a motion to approve BC 0101. Mr. Ted Armstrong seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Ayes: Mr. Matt Armstrong, Mr. Ted Armstrong, Ms. Garino, Mr. Hayek, Ms. Joyner, Mr. Kloeppe, Mr. Spears and Mr. Wojtkowski. Nays: Mr. Ford. *The motion passed.*

Ms. Garino made a motion to disapprove BC 0102. Mr. Hayek seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Ayes: Mr. Matt Armstrong, Mr. Ted Armstrong, Mr. Ford, Ms. Garino, Mr. Hayek, Ms. Joyner, Mr. Kloeppe, Mr. Spears and Mr. Wojtkowski. Nays: None. *The motion passed.*

Mr. Wojtkowski said the next municipal election is in April, 2002. In order to complete the certification documents in time to submit the question for the April election date, the Commission had to meet before the scheduled meeting date, January 22, 2002. The

consensus of the Commission was to meet on January 15, 2002, instead of January 22, 2002.

B. Election of Officers

1. Election of Chairperson

Mr. Krasnoff said Mr. Wojtkowski and Mr. Hayek were nominated for Chairperson at the November 27, 2001 Commission meeting. There were no new nominations for Chairperson. Mr. Ted Armstrong made a motion to close nominations for Chairperson. Mr. Bob Ford seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

Ms. Joyner asked Mr. Wojtkowski if he desired not to remain Chairman. Mr. Wojtkowski said he would continue to serve as Chairperson if that was the desire of the Commission members.

Mr. Matt Armstrong asked Mr. Hayek if he would serve as Chairperson if that was the desire of the Commission. Mr. Hayek said he would. Ms. Joyner said she would not serve on the Commission once a replacement was chosen and she would abstain from voting. Mr. Wojtkowski said members were obligated to participate based on their past experience on the Commission. By ballot vote, the Commission elected Mr. Wojtkowski to serve as Chairperson.

2. Election of 1st Vice Chairperson

Mr. Krasnoff said Mr. Johnnie Spears was nominated for 1st Vice Chairperson. Mr. Matt Armstrong made a motion to close the nominations. Ms. Joyner seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.* By ballot vote, Mr. Spears was elected 1st Vice-Chairperson.

3. Election of 2nd Vice Chairperson

Mr. Wojtkowski said Mr. Ford and Ms. Arnold had been nominated for 2nd Vice Chairperson. Mr. Matt Armstrong made a motion to close the nominations. Mr. Spears seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.* By ballot vote, Mr. Ford was elected 2nd Vice-Chairperson.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Krasnoff
Executive Director
Approved: January 15, 2002