

BOUNDARY COMMISSION
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
MEETING MINUTES

December 16, 2003

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Matt Armstrong, Ted Armstrong, Thomas Hayek, Mary Schuman, Johnnie Spears, Carol Stroker, Don Wojtkowski
Commissioners Absent: Jane Arnold, Bob Ford, Greg Kloeppe, Ilene Ordower

Commission Staff Present:

David Hamilton, Boundary Commission Legal Counsel

Others Present:

Lori Fiegel, St. Louis County Planning Department

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hayek called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., December 16, 2003. The meeting was held at the County Government Building, 41 S. Central, Clayton, Missouri.

ROLL IS CALLED – QUORUM DECLARED

Roll was called and a quorum declared by Mr. Hamilton.

APPROVE AGENDA

Mr. T. Armstrong made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Spears seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. T. Armstrong motioned to approve the November 18, 2003 minutes. Mr. M. Armstrong seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Hayek said Ms. Miller received a telephone call from the County Budget Director, Pam Reitz, regarding the proposed 2004 Boundary Commission budget. Mr. Hayek said the document from the last meeting labeled “2004 Budget” was in essence what the County Executive proposes to approve. He said the figures discussed at the last meeting involved the salary figure but the final budget approval has not happened. Mr. Hayek said there was a budget hearing about two weeks ago and Ms. Miller was unable to attend. He said apparently at that meeting there was a discussion about the proposed budget amount for the rent. Mr. Hayek said at the time the budget needed to be submitted the Commission did not know where it was moving or the new rent rate so a proposed budget of \$30,000 was submitted when we spent about \$15,000 the prior year. He said that increase drew some attention as to why we were doubling our rent in one year and why we were moving. He said he and Ms. Miller spoke to Ms. Reitz to explain the move and what the actual rent will be which is approximately the same as it is now. He said Ms. Reitz understood and he

expects the final approval of the rent to be slightly above our current rent and there were no other questions about the proposed budget. He said the questions came up in part because of the County's current financial situation and budget tightening. He said the last hearing was to be today and Ms. Miller should receive one more document with the final numbers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Hayek shared a resignation letter from Ilene Ordower that expressed her gratitude and enjoyment in serving on the Commission. He said there is still no replacement for Ms. Arnold's seat and the last communication with the County Executive's office was prior to the County Executive's death. He said the inference was that it would be some time before a replacement could be named and we are also waiting to see if Mr. Kloeppe will be asked to be reappointed or not. Mr. Hayek said Marvin Gelber was named as Ms. Ordower's replacement and he will begin attending Commission meetings in 2004.

Mr. Hayek said there was a news article in the mailing packet that updated the Pacific prison property situation. He said he saw an article in the paper on December 1, 2003 about Wildwood's desire to do an annexation.

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Hayek referred the Commission to a revised list of meeting dates for 2004. Also in the report is correspondence from the Municipal League about Mr. Gelber's appointment.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers for the Year 2003

1. Election of Chairperson

Mr. Tom Hayek was nominated for Chairperson at the November 18, 2003 meeting. There were no new nominations for Chairperson. By ballot vote, the Commission elected Mr. Hayek to serve as Chairperson.

2. Election of 1st Vice Chair

Mr. Johnnie Spears was nominated for 1st Vice Chair at the November 18, 2003 meeting. There were no new nominations for 1st Vice Chair. By ballot vote, the Commission elected Mr. Spears to serve as 1st Vice Chair.

3. Election of 2nd Vice Chair

Mr. Greg Kloeppe was nominated for 2nd Vice Chair at the November 18, 2003 meeting. There were no new nominations for 2nd Vice Chair. By ballot vote, the Commission elected Mr. Kloeppe to serve as 2nd Vice Chair.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Hayek said he made a mistake at the last meeting and the lease had not been emailed to Mr. Hamilton. Mr. Hayek said he reviewed the lease and there were provisions he could not agree to and suggested changes. The real estate agent for the Commission said the

property owner will basically accept the proposed changes. Mr. Hayek said one of the issues was liability insurance. They wanted us to maintain insurance in a certain amount. We assumed we had some liability insurance which we would maintain at our current amount, but after investigation found we really do not have liability insurance on the premises. Mr. Hayek said he would look into this matter and anticipates receiving a response within the next week. Once the lease is signed, construction on the new space will begin and should be finished by the end of January.

Mr. Hayek said regarding the rules committee, the Commission should first establish who is on all the various committees.

Mr. Hamilton said he received communication from Mr. Theodis Brown regarding the Castlepoint area in North County. Mr. Hayek said according to the time line final submissions are due July 1, 2004. Mr. Hamilton said both he and Ms. Miller have had several communications with Mr. Brown and Mr. Brown has indicated that in 1995 he started a process and wondered if he would be grandfathered. He was informed that there is no grandfathering. Mr. Brown said he has some people organized who want to incorporate but seems somewhat disorganized. Mr. Hamilton said he has sent two letters suggesting Mr. Brown contact a lawyer if he wants to go forward.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Miller
Executive Director

Approved: January 27, 2004