

BOUNDARY COMMISSION  
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI  
MEETING MINUTES

October 25, 2005

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Christine Bredenkoetter (by telephone), Bob Ford, Mary Schuman, Johnnie Spears, Edward Thibeault, and Don Wojtkowski. Commissioners Absent: Matt Armstrong, Ted Armstrong, Frank Kenney, Greg Kloeppel, Betty Marver

Commission Staff Present: David Hamilton, Boundary Commission Legal Counsel, Courtney Irwin, Executive Director. Others Present: Lori Fiegel, St. Louis County Planning Department.

CALL TO ORDER

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairman Spears called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m., October 25, 2005. The meeting was held at the County Government Building in Clayton, Missouri.

ROLL IS CALLED – QUORUM DECLARED

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

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES

Ms. Schuman observed that the word “statute” was spelled incorrectly in the third paragraph on page two. Ms. Schuman made a motion to approve the September 27<sup>th</sup> minutes. Mr. Ford seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Irwin presented the third quarter results of the 2005 Budget. She said there were no financial concerns at this time, and that the County Budget office would either approve or amend the Commission’s 2006 Budget by November.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no announcements or communications.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Irwin announced that she received a call from Richmond Heights attorney, Ken Heinz. He wanted information regarding the Commission Rules for consolidation. Ms.

Irwin notified him that she could make a Xerox copy of them for him, but would have to charge him .10-cents per page. Ms. Irwin said she has not posted the Rules on the Commission's website because of potential amendments to them.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **A. Discussion of Proposed Amendments to the Boundary Commission Rules**

Ms. Irwin recommended three amendments to the Rules which were explained in detail in the October packet. The first was suggested by Mr. Hamilton regarding a ministerial change. The next two dealt with more specific requirements from submitting parties during the map plan cycle.

Mr. Hamilton suggested to the Commission, if they were amenable to it, to authorize him and Ms. Irwin to make the changes to the Rules and present them at the November meeting for adoption. It takes 27-days for the changes to go into effect which would be before the next map plan cycle.

Mr. Ford, in regards to the digital submission amendments, noted that computer software changes from year to year. He asked if the Rules should instruct submitting parties to provide maps that are applicable to the Commission's website technology at that time. Mr. Wojtkowski said the computer formats presented in Ms. Irwin's report were standard. Mr. Hamilton stated that they might be anticipating things that may or may not happen. He suggested waiting and then changing the Rules, if need be, down the line.

Mr. Wojtkowski made a motion to allow the Executive Director, in concert with the Commission's legal counsel, draft proposed language on the Boundary Commission Rules changes, for adoption at the next meeting. Ms. Schuman seconded the motion.

Mr. Spears opened up the floor for further discussion. Ms. Schuman observed that in Article III. D & E of the Rules, the time frame for the map plan cycle is not accurately reflected. She suggested adding the phrase, "and each sixth year thereafter," or change the dates entirely to bring them up-to-date. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

### **B. Discussion of Map Plan Cost Analysis**

Ms. Irwin presented her estimated costs of preparing and printing out map plans for submitting parties. She predicted that each submitting party would spend roughly \$450 during the map plan cycle.

Mr. Ford asked if Mr. Hamilton would need a map for his files. Mr. Hamilton said he typically does not and can work off of the staff's copy. Mr. Wojtkowski did not think the proposing agents would be spending an overwhelming amount of money, though definitely a substantive amount. Mr. Spears thought the prices were within reason. Mr. Wojtkowski said this also becomes a discussion item when the amendments to the Rules are presented. He said the Commission members not present needed to be comfortable with the cost at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Hamilton said he was still waiting on a motion for a more definite statement in the Valley Park case.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ford made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Thibeault seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Courtney K. Irwin  
Executive Director

Approved: November 15, 2005