

BOUNDARY COMMISSION
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
MEETING MINUTES

February 27, 2018

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Rick Dorsey, Steve Frank, Tom Mooney (arrived 6:50 p.m.), Ann Pluemer, Kathleen Schweitzer, Ben Uchitelle, and Steve Wegert

Commissioners Absent: Kyra Watson

Commission Staff Present: Michelle Dougherty, Executive Director
Mike Hart, Legal Counsel

Others present: None

Chairman Schweitzer called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., February 27, 2018. The meeting was held in the 8th floor conference room of the County Government Center, 41 S. Central Avenue, Clayton, MO 63105.

ROLL IS CALLED – QUORUM DECLARED

Roll was called and a quorum declared by Ms. Dougherty.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Dorsey a motion to approve the minutes of January 23, 2018. Mr. Wegert seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, 6. Abstention – 1. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

Chairman Schweitzer introduced Ann Pluemer from unincorporated South County to the Commission. All the commissioners introduced themselves and shared with Ms. Pluemer who their appointing authorities are and how long they have been serving.

STAFF REPORT – Ms. Dougherty stated the only additional activity other than what was included in the staff report was the admin side of the Boundary Commission website was almost complete and would save her comments for when the commission discussed the proposed legislation.

In addition, Ms. Dougherty stated she had met with TR Carr who is serving as an expert witness for the Affton Fire Protection District and provided copies of relevant files.

Mr. Wegert asked about the status of the Glen Echo Park/Normandy consolidation proposal. Ms. Dougherty stated she was waiting to be notified of a meeting date for an informational meeting between the two cities and the Boundary Commission. She stated the cities were eyeing the April 2019 election.

Ms. Dougherty also stated there had been some calls on the Map Plan process. Mr. Uchitelle asked for clarification on the Chesterfield call regarding map plans. Ms. Dougherty replied that Chesterfield is looking to file a map plan just in case something happens with Clarkson Valley and an annexation is needed instead of a consolidation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Legislation – HB2518, 2356, 2357

Discussion about the three bills filed by Rep Marsha Haefner.

HB 2356 changes the word “may” to “shall” which would require the Commission to send letters to all municipalities who submitted map plans by December 31, 2018 outlining the merits or demerits of their map plans. Currently, in the statute this is an option. Commissioners discussed the pros and cons of changing the wording.

HB 2518 eliminates the Boundary Commission. Commissioners discussed whether it was time to act or to wait until it gets assigned to a committee. Mr. Dorsey suggested the Commission ask the County’s lobbyist to continue monitoring this bill and to notify the Commission if and when the status changes. Chairman Schweitzer suggested the Boundary Commission hire its own lobbyist because the County’s lobbyist is working for the County and not the Commission. Ms. Pluemer asked why Rep. Haefner wants to eliminate the commission. Ms. Dougherty speculated it was related to her desire for Oakville to be a city. Ms. Pluemer stated Oakville had voted this down once before. In addition, there is speculation and a fear that if the City reenters the county, Oakville would be annexed by the city. Commissioners decided to wait to see if the bill is assigned to a committee and then act at that time. Until then, the Commission directed Ms. Dougherty to contact Rep. Wessels and Mr. Hart to contact Rep. Adams to alert them to the legislation. Ms. Pluemer also said she’d find out when Oakville last voted on becoming a city and share that with the Commission.

2. Closed Session. Mr. Dorsey made a motion to go into closed session. Mr. Mooney seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote:

Rick Dorsey – Y

Steve Frank – Y

Tom Mooney – Y

Ann Pluemer - Y

Kathy Schweitzer – Y

Ben Uchitelle – Y

Steve Wegert – Y

The motion passed and the closed session began at 7:10 p.m.

Mr. Dorsey made a motion to end the closed session and go back into open session. Mr. Mooney seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote:

Rick Dorsey – Y

Steve Frank – Y

Tom Mooney – Y

Ann Pluemer – Y

Kathy Schweitzer – Y

Ben Uchitelle – Y

Steve Wegert – Y

The motion passed and the closed session ended at 7:24 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dorsey made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wegert seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Dougherty
Executive Director

Approved: March 27, 2018