

BOUNDARY COMMISSION
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2019

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Rick Dorsey, Steve Frank, Tom Mooney (via telephone), Ann Pluemer, Kathleen Schweitzer (via telephone, arrived 6:40 pm), Ben Uchitelle, and Steve Wegert.

Commissioners Absent: Kyra Watson

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

Others present: None

1st Vice Chairman Wegert called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m., February 27, 2019. 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. Mooney made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Pluemer seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Dorsey a motion to approve the minutes of December 18, 2018. Ms. Pluemer seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

STAFF REPORT – Ms. Dougherty stated there wasn't much to add to her staff report that was included in the packet. Mr. Uchitelle asked if there had been any questions or inquiries about annexations. Ms. Dougherty said she'd received a call from Ellisville asking when their map plan would be approved. Ms. Dougherty said she explained to Ms. Hood that the Boundary Commission does not approve map plans but that annexation proposals can be submitted starting April 15th. Mr. Dorsey asked if there had been any more communication regarding the consolidation between Normandy and Glen Echo Park. Ms. Dougherty said she hadn't heard anything and the person they had worked with at Beyond Housing is no longer there. 1st Vice Chairman Wegert suggested she call Beyond Housing to introduce herself to the new person. Ms. Dougherty agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

1. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS for 2019

- a. Nominating – Rick Dorsey, Steve Frank, and Kyra Watson
- b. Budget – Tom Mooney, Ben Uchitelle, and Steve Wegert
- c. Personnel – Ann Pluemer, Kathy Schweitzer, and Ben Uchitelle

Chairman Schweitzer assumed leadership of the meeting at 6:40 pm.

2. LEGAL COUNSEL CHANGE OF FIRM – Mr. Hart explained that because the senior partner, Dick Sher, died unexpectedly in December Sher Corwin Winters will be dissolving. Mr. Hart stated that the professional code of ethics required him to advise the Commission of this change and to give them an opportunity to find another firm or to choose to stay with him. Mr. Uchitelle spoke highly of the work Mr. Hart has done for the Commission. All of the Commissioners agreed that Mr. Hart is the logical choice to keep as counsel to the Commission due to his work and his knowledge of the Commission. Mr. Wegert asked if there was any conflict of interest with Mr. Hart's new firm and the Boundary Commission counsel requirements. Mr. Hart assured that before joining any firm, there is always a review of clients to make sure there are no conflicts.

Chairman Schweitzer agreed with all the previous statements and said she was very pleased with the legal services Mr. Hart has provided the Commission.

Mr. Dorsey made a motion to stay with Mr. Hart as the Boundary Commission's legal counsel. Mr. Wegert 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

3. There was no closed session. Mr. Hart stated the Valley Park lawsuit has been continued to the Monday after Easter and all the individual defendants have been dismissed from the lawsuit. Various commissioners responded to Mr. Uchitelle's request for a summary of the Valley Park lawsuit. Mr. Dorsey explained that the proposal didn't meet all 11-factors in the Boundary Commission statute. Mr. Hart further explained that because of the Missouri Supreme Court decision in the last Valley Park vs. Boundary Commission lawsuit, the current lawsuit is a non-contested case and new evidence (that the Commission never reviewed) can be presented at trial.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dorsey made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Pluemer seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Dougherty
Executive Director

Approved: March 26, 2019