

BOUNDARY COMMISSION  
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI  
MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2020

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Rick Dorsey, Steve Frank, Ann Pluemer, Kathy Schweitzer, Ben Uchitelle, and Steve Wegert

Commissioners Absent: Tom Mooney and Kyra Watson

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

Others present: Jacob Trimble, St. Louis County Planning

Chairperson Schweitzer called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., May 19, 2020. The meeting was held telephonically with accommodations made for the public to attend via telephone as well due to the statewide social isolation order.

ROLL IS CALLED – QUORUM DECLARED

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

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Dorsey made a motion to approve the minutes of April 28, 2020. Ms. Pluemer seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Dougherty stated she didn't have much to add to what was in the meeting packet. She said she has a follow up call with Normandy at the end of the month. She has been working to figure out the best streaming platform for the Boundary Commission meetings and hearings. She stated she should hear back from the website developer by the end of the week with their bid.

Mr. Wegert asked Ms. Dougherty's thoughts on whether Normandy/Glen Echo Park proposal would finally get to the Commission. She said she felt it would. Discussion ensued about when the public hearing could be held and what would need to be done to make a decision in time for the November election. The drop-dead date at the Election Board is August 25, 2020.

Mr. Uchitelle asked if the Online Public Hearing would satisfy the state law for a public hearing. Mr. Hart replied he had researched the issue and, in his opinion, the Commission would be satisfying the statutory requirements.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

## NEW BUSINESS.

### A. Online Meeting

Ms. Dougherty asked the Commission to review the online procedure she had included in the meeting packet. She said she'd used what the County Council had published. She stated she'd been reviewing WebEx and Zoom. Ms. Pluemer said she thought Zoom was free. Ms. Dougherty explained what the monthly costs included.

Ms. Dougherty explained the two ways to attend the meeting: Pre-register or watch the live stream. Two ways to participate/make comment: Pre-register or during livestream follow the link to register. Ms. Dougherty stated these steps were necessary to prevent the meetings from being taken over by random people. Mr. Dorsey asked if this would satisfy the open meetings law. Mr. Hart stated it would.

Mr. Dorsey made a motion to approve the Boundary Commission Public Meetings during COVID-19/Coronavirus State of Emergency policy. Mr. Uchitelle asked how the Commission defined "Emergency" for Online Public Meetings. Mr. Hart replied it had been drafted to allow for flexibility within the Commission to determine whether or not to adopt the Online Meetings procedure.

Mr. Dorsey amended his previous motion to approve the policy by removing "during COVID-19/Coronavirus" from the title of the meeting policy. Mr. Uchitelle seconded the amended motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

### B. There was no closed session. There was no new business.

## OLD BUSINESS

### A. Evaluation of COVID-19 Office Policy

Mr. Dorsey made a motion to extend the Boundary Commission Corona Virus Office and Meeting Policy until St. Louis County reaches level 3 in reopening. Ms. Pluemer seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

### B. Emergency Situation By-Law Amendment

Mr. Hart stated he thinks this really should've been a RULES amendment versus a by-laws amendment. The commissioners agreed with him. Mr. Hart said he'd have a finalized version to everyone in the next day or so. Ms. Dougherty informed the Commissioners that the Rules prohibit enacting or adopting any changes sooner than 27 days after notifying all municipalities and St. Louis County of the change. She said the Commission might have to do a special meeting to approve the Rules Amendment.

Mr. Uchitelle made a motion to approve the addition of Article XV with modified determined by legal counsel from suggestions made in the meeting. Mr. Wegert seconded the motion. Voice Vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed*

C. Rules for Public Hearing Amendment  
See Item B.

Mr. Uchitelle asked if the Commission could move the meeting up to 5:30. Mr. Dorsey said it would work better for him, too. It was the general consensus that 5:30 would work. The commission agreed to try 5:30 pm for June's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dorsey made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Uchitelle seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Dougherty  
Executive Director

Approved: June 23, 2020