

BOUNDARY COMMISSION
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 2020

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Rick Dorsey, Steve Frank, Tom Mooney, Ann Pluemer (arrived at 5:51 pm), Kathy Schweitzer, Ben Uchitelle, and Steve Wegert

Commissioners Absent: Kyra Watson

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

Others present: Tim Engelmeyer, City Attorney for City of Valley Park, MO

Chairperson Schweitzer called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m., October 27, 2020. The meeting was held online via Zoom and livestreamed to YouTube with accommodations made for the public to attend 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. Wegert made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Dorsey seconded the motion.
Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Dorsey made a motion to approve the minutes of September 22, 2020. Mr. Uchitelle seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, 5. Nays, None. Abstention, 1. *The motion passed.*

3rd QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Uchitelle asked if the Commission was doing okay with its budget. Ms. Dougherty stated the Commission was doing fine and will end the year well within its budget.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Dougherty stated she'd had a great update from the developers for the website. They have found some great plug-ins to add the functionality of municipalities to upload their proposals to the Boundary Commission. She said they are now looking for plug-ins to allow for subscriptions and was very pleased with how the developers were able to keep the same colors, fonts, and feel of the existing site.

Ms. Schweitzer commented on Ms. Dougherty's staff report that said the County had approved the zero-growth budget the Commission had submitted. Ms. Dougherty added that the County appreciated the Commission going through the exercise of preparing a 5% reduction and a 10% reduction budget for 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Tim Engelmeyer, City Attorney for City of Valley Park thanked the Commission for the opportunity to present their case for the Transfer of Jurisdiction between St. Louis County and the City of Valley Park in September and asked for approval of the transfer as they believed it is a positive for both jurisdictions.

NEW BUSINESS.

- A. There was no closed session.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. BC2001 Normandy/Glen Echo Park Consolidation

Ms. Schweitzer stated since the Commission had not received a formal withdrawal the proposal would remain the agenda.

- B. BC2003 SBC: Transfer of Jurisdiction between St. Louis County and the City of Valley Park.

Mr. Dorsey made a motion to approve BC2003. Mr. Wegert seconded the motion.

Ms. Schweitzer said she appreciated the City and St. Louis County's participation on the proposal. She said although the Commission had been contacted by an attorney representing one of the property owners of one of the parcels about a pending lawsuit, the litigation did not impact the Commission's consideration of the proposal. They were offered the opportunity to make a presentation to the Commission during the public hearing, but they chose not to do so. And as of the public comment period deadline, the Commission had not received any written comments from them.

Mr. Uchitelle asked if the outcome of the litigation impacted the decision of the Commission. Mr. Hart stated he'd spoken with the attorney in Pennsylvania and their local attorney. He said they were told they could make a presentation and/or submit information. He said the Commission's purview had nothing to do with title of the property or reversionary interest. The Commission had a valid proposal from Valley Park and was obligated to process it. Mr. Hart repeated he'd told the attorneys they could submit written materials and to the date had not received anything.

Roll Call Vote:

Rick Dorsey – Y
Steve Frank – Y
Thomas Mooney – Y
Ann Pluemer – Y
Kathleen Schweitzer – Y
Ben Uchitelle – Y
Steve Wegert – Y

The motion passed.

Because the Transfer of Jurisdiction was approved without requiring a vote, the Commission must set the date it becomes effective. Mr. Dorsey suggested they ask Mr. Engelmeyer when the City would like it to be effective. Mr. Engelmeyer stated the City was ready to make the transfer as quickly as the Commission would consider. Mr. Engelmeyer said they would be able to get all the paperwork required and necessary wrapped up within the next 90 days.

Mr. Dorsey made a motion to set the effective date of the Transfer of Jurisdiction as February 1, 2021. Mr. Wegert seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

Mr. Hart asked if the Commission wanted to put in any language about the easement to St. Louis County should be completed by a certain date or the County can undo the transfer. Or did the Commission want to leave that up to St. Louis County? Mr. Dorsey said he was in favor of leaving it between the City and St. Louis County to work out between themselves. Ms. Schweitzer and others agreed.

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 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Dougherty
Executive Director

Approved: November 17, 2020