

BOUNDARY COMMISSION
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
MEETING MINUTES

July 28, 2020

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Rick Dorsey, Steve Frank (arrived on Zoom at 5:32), Tom Mooney (arrived on Zoom at 5:34), Ann Pluemer, Kathy Schweitzer, Ben Uchitelle, Kyra Watson, and Steve Wegert

Commissioners Absent: None

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

Others present: None

Chairperson Schweitzer called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m., July 28, 2020. The meeting was held online via Zoom and livestreamed to YouTube 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 PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

Mr. Uchitelle made a motion to accept the Public Hearing agenda for July 28, 2020. 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 June 23, 2020. Ms. Watson seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

2ND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Dougherty stated the Commission was doing fine and the expenses have been low so far this year. There's been nothing unexpected. Mr. Uchitelle asked how the legal fees were doing. Ms. Dougherty stated most of the expenses in the professional services category has been legal fees so far but all within budget.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Dougherty stated that in addition to what was in their packets she'd received Valley Park & St. Louis County's Simpson Quarry proposal. She said that upon the completeness review she identified a few deficiencies and notified them. She stated they had 8 business days to correct the deficiencies and after that the Commission would

either accept the proposal as complete at the next Commission meeting or at a special meeting if one is scheduled.

She said there'd been lots of phone calls about this public hearing and anticipated they'd have several viewers on YouTube. Ms. Dougherty said she'd heard from one of the residents in the Waterford subdivision who when reminded about the 21-day written comment period was going to put that on their subdivision Facebook page.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS.

A. Budget 2021

Mr. Dorsey reported that the Budget Committee had met to go over the budget and that St. Louis County had requested a zero growth, a 5 percent reduction, and a 10 percent reduction budget. Mr. Dorsey said although the Commission would be able to survive with a 10 percent reduction, because of the unknowns regarding future litigation and legal fees, the Committee recommends submitting a zero-growth budget for 2021.

Mr. Dorsey made a motion to submit to St Louis County a zero-growth budget for 2021. Ms. Pluemer seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Uchitelle asked for clarification on the different budget reduction requests from the County. Chairman Schweitzer commented on the history of the increase in the Professional Services category and offered the Commission submit a 5-percent reduction budget with the caveat that the Commission could always go back to the county and request a supplemental budget. She said she felt comfortable with a five percent reduction but not necessarily a ten percent reduction. Mr. Wegert stated the Commission doesn't report to the Commission and is comfortable with a zero growth but that the Commission's budget is the Commission's. Ms. Pluemer stated the Committee thought they could submit a zero and negotiate from there. Mr. Dorsey replied that was the feeling of the committee. Mr. Wegert stated he felt the zero-growth was prudent and reminded the Commission is an independent body and doesn't want to appear to be answering to the County. Mr. Uchitelle said considering COVID-19 times and everyone's budgets being affected it would look good for the Commission to submit a 5 percent reduction budget. Ms. Watson countered with the question what if the County comes back and asks for further cuts to the budget. Her suggestion was to submit a zero-growth to respond to possible further reduction requests with the 5 percent and then the 10 percent reductions. She reminded the Commission that historically the commission hasn't spent its entire budget. Mr. Dorsey confirmed that every year except one the Commission has been under budget and the one year it wasn't was a timing issue with a bill that arrived after the close of the fiscal year.

Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

B. There was no closed session.

OLD BUSINESS

A. BC2001 Normandy/Glen Echo Park consolidation

Ms. Dougherty stated this proposal has been delayed because the Commission hasn't received an official withdrawal. It will remain on the agenda until then. Mr. Uchitelle asked for an explanation on why this proposal is being delayed. Ms. Dougherty replied there is a new administration in Normandy that hadn't been involved in the creation of this proposal and they wanted some time to get everyone up to speed before moving forward.

Ms. Dougherty stated she'd received a lot of phone calls from residents interested in the livestreaming of the public hearing for this proposal. Because of the late cancellation notice from Normandy, she created a 15-minute livestream with a screen notifying viewers that the hearing had been cancelled and to visit the Boundary Commission website for information. She said there'd been 10 viewers during that 15 minutes.

B. BC2002 Ballwin SBC: Annexation of Waterford Subdivision.

Mr. Uchitelle asked if the Commission has received any calls pro or against this proposal. Ms. Dougherty replied she'd received one phone call from a resident who was excited about this annexation and had been waiting for it for 29 years. Ms. Dougherty said she informed the resident that she could submit public comments for 21 days after the hearing and those comments are always helpful to the Commissioners. Ms. Dougherty said there were 7 registrations for public comment.

Mr. Uchitelle said upon his review it seems everyone is in favor of this proposal. Ms. Pluemer asked if the Commission had heard from the County Council person from that area. Ms. Dougherty said they had not.

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 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Dougherty
Executive Director

Approved: August 25, 2020