

BOUNDARY COMMISSION
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
MEETING MINUTES

January 24, 2023

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Rick Dorsey, Tom Mooney (arrived at 5:40 p.m.), Ann Pluemer, Tom Schneider, Kathy Schweitzer, Ben Uchitelle, and Steve Wegert

Commissioners Absent: Stephanie Robinson

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

Others present:

Paul Weatherford, Dept of Planning, St. Louis County
Jacob Trimble, Planning Director, St. Louis County
Paul Hampel, Aide to the County Executive, St. Louis County
Justin Klocke, City Administrator, City of Manchester

Chairman Uchitelle called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m., January 24, 2023 online via Zoom, and livestreamed to YouTube.

ROLL IS CALLED – QUORUM DECLARED

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

Mr. Dorsey made a motion to approve having the meeting online via Zoom due to inclement weather forecast. Ms. Schweitzer seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Dorsey made a motion to approve the minutes of December 13, 2022 and January 3, 2023. Ms. Schweitzer seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Dougherty added that she had heard from the City of Normandy. They said the Village of Glen Echo Park wanted to review the proposal one more time at their meeting in February. They stated the Commission should receive the consolidation proposal after that in plenty of time to address it at the Commission's February meeting. Mr. Schneider commented that they have been working on it for a long time. Ms. Dougherty summarized that the proposal was originally submitted in 2020 but withdrawn after the April 2020 municipal elections. She said they had wanted to revisit it after the new

council members had been elected. Ms. Dougherty stated the groups seem ready to move forward on the proposal now.

Ms. Dougherty also informed the commissioners that the website would be going live the next day with the new functionality that allows for users to create accounts and proactively subscribe to cities, zip codes, and proposals. Mr. Schneider asked if the cities would be able to upload their proposals. Ms. Dougherty said they currently can upload their information and with the new capability the cities can have their own accounts. However, they still must submit thirteen hard copies of their proposals. Mr. Schneider asked if that requirement was something the Commission could discuss in the interim period. Ms. Dougherty said the Commission had reduced the number from 21 copies to 13 several years ago. Ms. Dougherty said it would have to be an amendment to the Rules if that is what the Commission wanted to do.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee Appointments for 2023

It was decided to defer the appointments until the February 2023 meeting.

B. Closed Session.

There was no closed session.

OLD BUSINESS

A. BC2201 City of Manchester Annexation Summary of Decision.

Chairman Uchitelle said the Summary of Decision had been sent to all the Commissioners for their review on Friday.

Mr. Dorsey stated he felt Mr. Hart had done a very good job on encapsulating all the Commission had deliberated over the last six months. Chairman Uchitelle agreed with Mr. Dorsey's statement. Mr. Mooney asked that the vote at hand was simply an approval that it was an accurate reflection of what happened. Mr. Hart affirmed Mr. Mooney's question and added that it included the general considerations overall of the Commission itself.

Mr. Dorsey made a motion to approve BC2201 Summary of Decision. Ms. Schweitzer seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

B. Sunshine/FOIA Requests

Mr. Dorsey suggested the Chairman appoint a committee to meet with Ms. Dougherty and Mr. Hart to develop a policy towards the FOIA requests to determine the appropriate level that the commission should be compensated for pulling together records. Chairman Uchitelle agreed he'd appoint a committee. Mr. Mooney and Mr. Schneider volunteered to be on the committee.

Mr. Dorsey asked for a moment of personal privilege. He expressed his gratitude at working with the Commission and getting to know everyone over the years and to serve with the current and prior commission members. He believes they've been honest, just,

and fair and that is the duty of the Commission. He expressed his heartfelt pleasure at serving with all the members. He urged the commission continue to maintain its independence and integrity.

Ms. Schweitzer asked for a moment of personal privilege as well. She echoed the sentiments of Mr. Dorsey. She said he said it succinctly and well. She stated it has been an honor and a privilege to serve with the current and multiple prior members of the Commission. Ms. Schweitzer stated that the latest decision was an arduous one. She said the Commissioners has always been astute and worked to ferret out the information and do good governance. She thanked all her fellow commissioners and appreciates their presence.

Many commissioners replied with compliments and gratitude for their service to the Commission.

Chairman Uchitelle thanked Mr. Dorsey and Ms. Schweitzer for their knowledge and their willingness to share it with the Commission. Chairman Uchitelle demanded that both attend the February meeting. Chairman Uchitelle thanked them for all the many years of good service Mr. Dorsey and Ms. Schweitzer have given the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dorsey made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Schweitzer 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: February 28, 2023