

BOUNDARY COMMISSION
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
MEETING MINUTES

October 24, 2006

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Matt Armstrong, Christine Bredenkoetter, Bob Ford, Greg Kloeppe, Mary Schuman, John Schuster, Johnnie Spears and Edward Thibeault.

Commissioners Absent: Ted Armstrong, Frank Kenney and Don Wojtkowski

Commission Staff Present: David Hamilton , Boundary Commission Legal Counsel, Michelle Dougherty, Executive Director. Others present: Lori Fiegel, St. Louis County Planning Department

Chairman Armstrong called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., October 24, 2006. The meeting was held at the St. Louis Community College at Meramec in Lecture Hall Room 103 in St. Louis Missouri.

ROLL IS CALLED – QUORUM DECLARED

Roll was called and a quorum declared by Mr. Hamilton.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

Ms. Schuman made a motion to approve the Public Hearing Agenda. Mr. Spears seconded. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Schuman made a correction in the minutes. She stated that the word *investigate* or *pursue* needed to be inserted at the end of the statement ...”Discussion ensued about what types of offsite storage solutions should the Boundary Commission” Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the minutes as edited. Mr. Spears seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Dougherty stated that special fund 533-6030 still had a balance of \$10,977 with no increases or decreases. She also stated that the Commission spent \$30,333.00 with a 4th quarter spending estimate of \$60,000. She said the Commission should end the year at \$132,000 with a savings of about \$44,000. She said if there were any additional needs that the Commission could foresee, to please let her know. She said she was working with Ms. Bredenkoetter on getting newer phones.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no announcements and communications.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Dougherty stated that she had been fielding calls from many constituents who had questions about the public hearings. She stated that many of the calls had misinterpreted the article in the County Direct newsletter. Ms. Bredenkoetter asked that any future articles about the Boundary Commission that are sent out in the County Direct newsletter be first run by Ms. Dougherty before publishing. Ms. Fiegel of the St. Louis County Planning Department agreed that she would.

Mr. Armstrong asked if Ms. Dougherty had been receiving any positive feedback from the public about our website. Ms. Dougherty stated that some comments were positive but many were frustrated about the size or quality of the maps. Ms. Dougherty explained that the maps are submitted by the municipalities and that the Boundary Commission does not make maps. Ms. Dougherty suggested that an amendment be made in the rules that would require the .jpg or .pdf electronic copy of the municipality's maps be of a maximum file size.

Mr. Kloepfel commented that he felt the Commission needed to be sure that the information coming out of the Boundary Commission was as clear as possible that the Map Plans Hearings are not hearings on proposals. Mr. Kloepfel suggested that the Chair continue to make remarks at the beginning of the hearings describing the process and reiterating that the Commission is not voting on anything during the Map Plan Public Hearings.

Mr. Ford asked Ms. Dougherty if she was placing the public comments that are received from the web site into the appropriate city's file. Ms. Dougherty stated that she had been doing that.

Ms. Dougherty passed out a chart of retirement plans that was provided Ms. Bredenkoetter by Joyce Steiger, CFO of the County Economic Council. Ms. Bredenkoetter had talked with Ms. Steiger about the unique relationship that the Boundary Commission has with St. Louis County. Ms. Bredenkoetter discussed that she has learned that in the eyes of the IRS, the Boundary Commission executive director is an employee of St. Louis County because that is where the W-2 comes from. Ms. Bredenkoetter stated that she has asked for Mr. Hamilton's help in identifying someone to help the Commission sort through all this and enable the Commission to set up some sort of retirement program.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

Sexual Harassment, No Harassment, Grievances & Disputes draft policies were included in the monthly packet. Discussion ensued about the policies. Ms. Schuman suggested the words "perceived sexual orientation" be added to the No Harassment policy. Mr.

Kloeppel agreed that would be fine. Chairman Armstrong requested that addition be made and the policies included in next month's meeting for passage.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ford made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Spears seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Dougherty
Executive Director

Approved:
November 14, 2006