

MINUTES

LANE COUNTY LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION

Eugene City Hall
Council Chamber (777 Pearl Street)

July 11, 2006
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Clay Myers, chair; Eleanor Mulder, vice chair; Christine Larson; Ernie Olson; Karen Seidel

ABSENT: Van Heeter, Jim Spickerman

I. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Chair Clay Myers convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Paula Taylor, Executive Officer, called the roll.

II. OLD BUSINESS

Continued from the April 6, and June 1, 2006, Public Meetings – Annexation of Territory to the City of Eugene (Eugene School District 4J/Spring Creek Drive/Irvington Drive/Crocker Road/Blackfoot Avenue/W Hilliard Lane/Marion Lane)

A. BC File C EU 06 – 27

Initiated by property owner petition

This application included three separate annexation areas: Area 1 included one tax lot and a portion of Spring Creek Drive located in the Santa Clara region of north Eugene, north of Beltline Road, east of River Road, south of Spring Creek Drive, west of Scottdale Street—the portion of Spring Creek Drive included in Area 1 was between River Road and Scenic Drive; Area 2 included one tax lot and portions of Irvington Drive, Crocker Road, and Blackfoot Avenue located in the Santa Clara region of north Eugene, north of Beltline Road, west of River Road, south of Irvington Drive, north of Blackfoot Avenue, and east of Crocker Road—the portion of Irvington Drive included in Area 2 was between the Northwest Expressway and Byron Street, the portion of Crocker Road was between Irvington Drive and Blackfoot Avenue, and the portion of Blackfoot Avenue was between Crocker Road and River Road; Area 3 included three tax lots and portions of W Hilliard Lane and Marion Lane located in the River Road region of north Eugene, south of Beltline Road, east of River Road, south of W Hilliard Lane, north of Marion Lane, and east of Hoover Lane—the portion of W Hilliard Lane included in Area 3 was between River Road and the west property line of tax lot 2100 and the portion of Hoover Lane was located between River Road and Hoover Lane

Paula Taylor, Executive Officer, provided a brief update. She noted that additional information regarding road rights-of-way had been requested at the April 6 meeting. She said there had not

been a quorum of eligible members present at the June 1st meeting and so a special meeting had been called with the consent of the school district to complete the commission's deliberations on this issue.

Ms. Taylor said all of the materials received were incorporated into the public record according to boundary commission administrative rules. She said the boundary commission as required by statute would need four members of the total membership of the commission to pass a final order.

Ms. Taylor read a letter dated June 28, 2006, into the public record from John Lauch who was the facilities manager for Eugene School District 4J. The letter provided information on the school district's position regarding the annexation of streets included in the application. The letter said the district believed there to be a direct benefit to student safety and law enforcement from including the segments of streets adjacent to the school properties. The letter specified that the district preferred approval of the application without delay.

Ms. Taylor said staff were recommending a modification to include a small section of Oroyan Avenue adjacent to annexation Area 1 (Aubrey Park Elementary School). She said the findings and reasons supported staff's recommendation to include Oroyan Avenue and to approve the annexation request as modified.

Chair Meyers called for commission deliberations.

Ms. Seidel said she was anxious to learn the feelings of the rest of the commission regarding the annexation of the streets. She commented that the City of Eugene street annexation program had changed its justifications for including street. She said the requested segments had become longer and longer over the past year and raised concern that the City of Eugene could propose annexation of streets of any length in any location and it would fit with the general reasons it had provided. She said she was uncomfortable with street segments of any length being appropriate without supporting rationale.

Ms. Larson said she put streets adjacent to the schools being annexed in a different light than roads in front of residences. She said right-of-way included sewers, telephone cables, and other necessary services. She said the night's deliberation needed to address the safety issue for kids which was more important than anything else.

Ms. Seidel said she had concern over the annexation of roads that were not adjacent to the schools.

Ms. Mulder expressed her agreement with Ms. Larson. She said she had been surprised that the school district had not been more forceful in its statements about safety. She said segmented roads were not a reasonable safety situation when county sheriffs were already stretched too thin. She said the city police were better equipped to respond to situations that occurred. She said she was in favor of the annexation of the streets proposed by the city.

Mr. Olson agreed with Ms. Seidel. He raised concern over annexations of roads that were not adjacent to the properties requesting annexation. He said he was strongly opposed to the annexation of streets that were not adjacent to the school property.

Mr. Myers agreed that the annexation of streets was a different situation when dealing with schools. He said the commission needed further discussions on a standard for street annexations in residential areas. He stressed the importance of looking after student safety.

In response to a question from Ms. Seidel regarding the desire of School District 4J, Jon Lauch, Eugene School District 4J facilities manager, said it was difficult to draw a conclusion on the right amount of street to annex. He noted that the district strongly supported the annexation of right-of-way adjacent to the schools. He said the district was not opposed to the segments of street proposed for annexation by the city, but the main concern was safety on the school grounds.

Ms. Larson said highly traveled streets and pathways around schools were a danger. She said it would be unconscionable for the commission not to do the most possible to prevent student safety problems.

- * Moved and seconded (Larson/ Mulder) to modify BC File C EU 06 – 27 to include Oroyan Avenue in the annexation area. The motion passed, 4-1 (commissioners Myers, Mulder, Seidel, and Larson voting in favor and commissioner Olson voting in opposition).
- * Moved and seconded (Larson/Mulder) to approve BC File C EU 06 – 27 annexing territory to the City of Eugene as amended with the modified findings and reasons as presented in the staff report.

Ms. Seidel said she would support the motion because it was the only motion that could be approved that evening and she wished to see the schools annexed.

Ms. Larson said she would like a discussion of the annexation of road rights-of-way at the next regular meeting.

- * The motion passed, 4:1 (commissioners Myers, Mulder, Larson, and Seidel voting in favor and commissioner Olson voting in opposition).

III. OTHER BUSINESS

A. FY 2006-07 Budget

Ms. Taylor indicated that there was not a quorum of the boundary commission at the recent joint budget meeting with the advisory commission and she asked that the commission adopt the fiscal year budget that had been recommended by the advisory committee. She noted that there had also been a discussion of providing additional notice for certain public hearing items and the advisory committee encouraged the boundary commission to address the issue.

- * Moved and seconded (Larson/Seidel) to approve the FY 2005-06 budget. The motion passed unanimously, 5:0 (commissioners Larson, Seidel, Myers, Olson, and Mulder voting in favor).
- * Moved and seconded (Larson/Seidel) to approve the proposed FY 2006-07 budget and filing fee schedule changes. The motion passed unanimously, 5:0 (commissioners Larson, Seidel, Mulder, Meyers, and Olson voting in favor).

There was general consensus to discuss the budget and notices for annexations of road rights-of-way at the next meeting.

Ms. Taylor suggested inviting David Reed to a future meeting to give a presentation on his work with the Santa Clara/River Road transition team.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Clay Myers, Chair
Lane County Local Government Boundary Commission

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