



State of Alaska Local Boundary Commission

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Draft Meeting Minutes
Big Lake Lions Recreation Center, Big Lake, AK
April 15, 2015 1:30 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Call to order

Chair Lynn Chrystal called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

2. Roll call and determination of quorum

Brent Williams called the roll. All five commissioners were present. The chair determined that a quorum was met.

3. Introduction of commissioners and staff

Present: Chair Lynn Chrystal, Commissioner Lavell Wilson, Commissioner Darroll Hargraves, Commissioner Robert Harcharek, Commissioner John Harrington; LBC staff: Brent Williams, Eileen Collins

4. Identify the parties present

Representatives from Big Lake and the City of Houston were present.

5. Acknowledge if members of the public are present at:

a. Originating site (Big Lake Lions Recreation Center)

Members of the public were present.

b. Each individual teleconference site. For clarity of the record, teleconference attendees will be asked to identify themselves and include a spelling of their names.

No members of the public were present on the phone.

6. Local Boundary Commission (LBC) chair remarks

Chair Chrystal stated the purpose of the meeting was to consider the petitions from the City of Houston and from Big Lake.

7. Approve or amend the agenda

Commissioner Harcharek moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Harrington seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Public comment concerning matters that are neither on the agenda nor pending before the commission

Eugene Carl Haberman provided public comment on when and where public meetings, including LBC meetings, should be held.

2. Public hearing

a. LBC staff reports and recommendations

Brent Williams described the evolution of the petitions and the basis behind the recommendations given in each staff report.

b. Staff summary of comments on the final report

Eileen Collins read the one comment received. It was from Robin Jeffries.

c. Big Lake petitioner's opening statement (Jim Faiks, 10 min)

Jim Faiks provided an opening statement as petitioner's representative and answered questions from the commissioners.

d. City of Houston petitioner's opening statement (Virgie Thompson, 10 min)

Virgie Thompson, Mayor of the City of Houston, gave an opening statement as the petitioner's representative, and answered questions from commissioners.

e. Big Lake petitioner's sworn witnesses' testimony (1.5 hours)

Jim Faiks requested that some of the statements of witnesses who were not able to be present be read by other residents. The City of Houston had no objections. Big Lake presented seven witnesses for testimony.

f. City of Houston petitioner's sworn witnesses' testimony (15 min)

The City of Houston presented one witness for testimony.

Chair Chrystal provided time for members of the public needing to leave early to give public comment.

g. Recess (dinner, 1.5 hours)

Chair Chrystal called for a recess for dinner to return at 6:30 p.m.

3. Call back to order

Chair Chrystal called the meeting back to order at about 6:37 p.m.

4. Roll call and determination of quorum

Brent Williams called the roll. All five commissioners were present. The chair determined that a quorum was met.

5. Acknowledge staff present

Brent Williams and Eileen Collins were present.

6. Acknowledge parties present

Representatives from Big Lake and the City of Houston were present.

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Sonya Dukes, City Clerk of the City of Houston, and Brian O'Connor of the *Mat-Su Valley Frontiersman* were present via teleconference.

8. LBC chair remarks

Chair Chrystal explained the process for the hearing and public comment.

9. Continuation of public hearing

a. Public comment (can be limited to 3 minutes each)

Members of the public provided comment.

Representatives of Big Lake requested that the LBC bifurcate the petitions so that the LBC could condition its approval upon voter approval of a corrected mill rate. To do so the LBC staff would give appropriate public notice of the proposed condition and of the continued hearing. The

commission would discuss the conditioned petition at a continuation of this public hearing.

b. Big Lake petitioner's closing statement (10 minutes)

Jim Faiks presented a closing statement as the petitioner's representative.

c. City of Houston petitioner's closing statement (10 minutes)

Virgie Thompson presented a closing statement as the petitioner's representative.

d. Points of information or clarification by LBC staff

Brent Williams answered questions from commissioners and described the process going forward.

e. Close of public hearing by chair

Chair Chrystal closed the public hearing for April 15, 2015.

10. Comments from commissioners and LBC staff

Brent Williams asked for the commission to clarify the future actions for the Big Lake petition. The chair said the LBC would consider an amendment for the new mill rate for Big Lake as well as the amended boundaries at a future continuation of this hearing.

11. Adjourn

Commissioner Hargraves moved to adjourn. Commissioner Harrington seconded. Brent Williams called the roll and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

APPROVED: May 5, 2015

LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION



LYNN CHRYSAL, CHAIR

ATTEST:



BRENT WILLIAMS, STAFF