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**ST. LOUIS COUNTY
CAPITAL INVESTMENT INITIATIVE
BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION**

Agenda for June 3, 2008 Meeting

1. The format and procedure for our public hearing
2. Review of draft power point for the public hearing
3. The format and content of the final Commission Report
4. Other
5. Adjournment

Summary of June 3, 2008 meeting (held on the 8th floor of County Government's 41 S. Central Avenue Building in Clayton, MO)

Commissioners attending: Skip Mange (Chairman); Frederick Douglas, David Mason, Don Musick, John Siscel, Judith Metzger, Sally Roth, Pat Kellett, George Brill, Colleen Wasinger, Barbara Fraser and Steve Lichtenfeld.

St. Louis County Government personnel attending: Garry Earls, Chief Operating Officer; Pam Reitz, Director of Administration; Sheryl Hodges, Director of Highways & Traffic and Public Works; Lindsey Swanick, Director of Parks and Recreation; Jackie Wellington, Executive Vice President of the Economic Council; Stephanie Leon Streeter, Deputy Director of Highways and Traffic and Public Works and Dave Wrone, Public Information Manager for Highways and Traffic and Public Works.

This meeting was dedicated almost exclusively to discussion about the Commission's June 12 public hearing.

Sheryl Hodges gave commissioners the power point presentation she had prepared for the public meeting. She also explained that she and her staff – along with the Economic Council and Department of Parks and Recreation – were creating board displays that would be mounted on pedestals outside the hearing chambers.

Commissioner Colleen Wasinger shared her view of the hearing's central purpose. "We need to justify the County's funding needs in general. We're talking about a half billion dollars, and people will want to know where that money is going. We need to explain very clearly, why we're proposing this."

Don Musick suggested that the Commission and County staff "hammer on the efficiencies that will be realized [if the County is able to upgrade and/or replace its facilities], the opportunities for savings that are out there. I think that would be very powerful."

Dave Mason advised Hodges to limit data and figures in the power point, and to add photographs to it. "You'll get mired if you get into too much detail," he said.

Commissioners then talked generally about the format for fielding comments from the public. Although all Commissioners were eager to hear from citizens and/or civic groups, several cautioned that time limits would be needed. "You'll be arguing forever if you don't establish a maximum speaking time," Frederick Douglas said. "You're never going to convince an opponent that he's wrong. Let them make their comment, duly note it and move on."

Skip Mange added that County staff would be able to provide more-detailed information to anyone who asked for it.

Mange also outlined his concept for the final recommendation to be given to County Executive Charlie Dooley. To successfully discharge its core mission, the recommendation must address the viability of four potential funding issues: Parks sales tax, Sales Use tax, Prop M and a no tax increase General Obligation Bond issue, Mange said.

Mange also expressed his desire to be actively involved in writing the final report.