

**PUBLIC HEARING  
ON  
CITY OF ST. ANTHONY IMPACT AREA AMENDMENT  
(FREMONT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS)**

**Date:** May 6, 2009  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Fremont County Annex Building

**Attended by:** Commissioners Paul Romrell, Skip Hurt, and Lee Miller

**Also in attendance:** Clerk Abbie Mace, Planning & Building Administrator Kurt Hibbert, Planner II Josh Chase

Commissioner Romrell welcomed everyone to the Public Hearing and stated the purpose for the hearing is to receive public comment regarding the proposed change to the City of St. Anthony's Impact Area regarding the Fremont County Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Romrell asked Clerk Abbie Mace if proper notice was provided for this hearing. Clerk Mace indicated yes it was.

Commissioner Romrell asked if any of the Board of Commissioners have a conflict of interest on this proposal. None were given.

Commissioner Romrell asked Planning & Building Administrator Kurt Hibbert to explain the proposed changes to the City of St. Anthony Impact Area.

Planning & Building Administrator Kurt Hibbert presented the proposed changes to the City of St. Anthony's Impact Area. He explained this is a zone change and a change to the city's Comprehensive Plan and map. The new zone would be called a Public Service District (PSD). There are no changes to the size of the impact area.

Commissioner Romrell clarified the zone change of the Public Service District on the proposed map of the impact area.

Commissioner Hurt asked for a definition of a Public Service District.

Mr. Hibbert explained the uses of a Public Service District are for the public's benefit.

Commissioner Hurt asked if this is such as rodeos, demolition derby and the fair.

Mr. Hibbert stated yes.

Commissioner Hurt asked if we are currently legal to allow these events at the fairgrounds.

Mr. Hibbert stated he is not sure. This designation will allow for those events.

Commissioner Romrell questioned how this proposal got to this point.

Mr. Hibbert stated that his office has worked with the city to make sure this proposal meet all the requirements of the law. It has been reviewed and passed by the City Planning & Zoning and the City Council.

Commissioner Romrell stated the hearing tonight is not to designate what type of activities would be used at this location. This is just to make this a recreation area. Any specific projects would not be addressed tonight.

Mr. Hibbert stated that is correct this is just a zoning issue tonight.

Commissioner Romrell explained the process for making public comment.

#### Public Comment:

Mike Randall, 421 W Main Street, St. Anthony

What I want to talk about is not what you want to talk about tonight. He talked about race tracks and the noise. He has been associated with this racing association for 7 years. They are very respectful of their equipment. They are governed by state of Idaho to 95 decibels per 100 feet. This is a family orientated organization. He used his grandson as an example of the kind of people who attend this kind of events.

Commissioner Hurt questioned Mr. Randall on if he supports the proposed change.

Mr. Randall stated yes if it gives us more opportunities.

Michial Randall, 421 W Main Street, St. Anthony

He also talked about the race track. It would bring in people from across the state. There would not be alcohol at these events. He has been racing for 8 years. These cars are quiet. He stated these are clean people who come to support the community.

Commissioner Hurt questioned Mr. Randall are you for the change.

Mr. Randall yes he supports it if it will give us more opportunities.

Commissioner Romrell reminded those wishing to make comment that the proposal tonight was for a zoning change not a specific project.

Emma Hayworth, 1005 South 1<sup>st</sup> East, St. Anthony

She is against the zone change because of the noise issues she and several of her neighbors are concerned about. She has always enjoyed the quiet neighborhood. The drag races that have occurred in the past have concerned her.

Herb Hayworth 1005 South 1<sup>st</sup> East, St. Anthony

Mr. Hayworth is against the zone change

Tom Jernigan 3874 East 1500 North, Ashton

He does support the zone change. He would like to talk to the commissioners about a proposed race track.

Rebuttal Comment:

Emma Hayworth is concerned with property values in the neighborhood. If this goes in, will it lower the values of their homes? Will the assessed value affect their taxes? She feels that it will impact the neighborhood.

Commissioner Romrell stated he lives on the north side of the city. He hears the noise of the planes from the airport.

Mrs. Hayworth stated when she moved there she was aware of that issue. She is more concerned with the drag races and the noise that makes all day.

Commissioner Romrell stated we are not talking about drag races we are talking about zone changes.

Mr. Jernigan asked to submit an example of a race track in Colorado as exhibit A.

Mike Randall stated the races are usually at 12:30 and end at 4:00. These are not all day events.

Commissioner Romrell encouraged those interested in specific activities meet with the county fairboard.

Clerk Mace read in a letter from the Idaho Department of Transportation concerning this project.

Commissioner Romrell thanked everyone for their comments and coming and closed the hearing.

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Paul Romrell, Chairman  
Fremont County Commission

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Abbie Mace, Clerk