

Gaming commission to hear casino pitches Oct. 20 - Southeast Missourian (blog)

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Looks like I've got a trip to plan. I'm sure Mayor Harry Rediger and city manager Scott Meyer do, too.

But the three of us aren't taking our annual guys-only trip to Las Vegas. (We do that in July.) [The Missouri Gaming Commission](#) announced yesterday that it will hear presentations from the casino companies and the respective city leaders two

weeks from today on Oct. 20 in Jefferson City.

The hearings will begin at 9 a.m. at the Doubletree Hotel and I plan to be there to hear the pitches from all four companies that are interested in the 13th license. The commission will hold its regular monthly meeting the day before at its Jefferson City offices at 4 p.m.

It's the most important step, as far as city leaders and Isle of Capri are concerned, between now and Nov. 2, when Cape Girardeau residents will vote on the issue. (Remember, the casino issue is on the back of the ballot.)

Another important step that is expected by the end of the month is the Missouri Department of Economic Development's study. The Kansas City Star wrote a [story](#) in Tuesday's paper.

So we're less than a month from election day. I'm wondering if anyone has changed their stance on the casino issue was first brought up earlier this year. In other words, were you for it in May, but against it today? Or the reverse? Sound off in the comments section below. But play nice, kids. I will come down there and separate you if I have to.

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