REDISTRICTING AD HOC COMMITTEE AGENDA

Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

CITY CLERK’S CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL

I. Call To Order

II. Approval Of Minutes From July 20, 2022
   Documents:
   REDISTRICTING MINUTES 07-20-22.PDF

III. Review Of Public Comment

IV. Final Decision Of Concept Maps

V. Next Meeting Date (If Needed)

VI. Adjournment
July 20, 2022

Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

July 20, 2022
5:33 p.m.
City Clerk’s Conference Room, City Hall

MEMBERS:  STAFF:

Estela Hernandez (via Zoom)  Christine Rivera, City Clerk
RoseMarie Sanchez (Absent)  Mandy Guss, Comm. Director
Terry Cook
Lydia Hammond (via Zoom)
Frances Lerner
Michael Harris
Dr. Bobbie Green (Absent)

I.  CALL TO ORDER

II.  APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 6, 2022

Estela Hernandez asked for the minutes to be amended to add the shifts in the Hispanic population from the Alameda Depot with an increase in 5.8% and Mesquite Historic Districts with a decrease in 7.4%.

Terry Cook Moved to Approve the Minutes as amended and Frances Lerner Seconded the motion. The minutes were Approved 5-0. RoseMarie Sanchez and Bobbie Green were absent.

III.  REVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Harris read an email from Gary Reger that stated: “Hi folks, I live in present District 2. Concept maps B, I, and J appear to leave District 2 boundaries more or less untouched. Concept Plan H, however, creates a quite different District 1, into which our neighborhood would now be incorporated. It stretches from Mesilla Park way up to the intersection of US 70 and I-25. It seems to me that this version of District 1 would be a strangely stretched out district. Given that many people who live in Mesilla Park work at NMSU, it seems to me to make more sense to leave Mesilla Park in District 2, which also incorporates the neighborhoods around the University. As for the other districts, the maps generally seem to create nicely compact and reasonable units. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.”

George Pearson, Member of the Public said H looks best for Alameda Depot and kept together with the current councilor. B and J look like we would lose our councilor. I changes the councilor districts a little too much.
IV. NARROWING DOWN OF CONCEPT MAPS

Michael Sharp, Research and Polling reviewed the new concepts.

Michael Harris said regarding Concept I-1 that precinct 113 may or may not need to be in District 6.

Michael Sharp said on this plan it can be either 1 or 6 and on I corrected 3 or 6.

Estela Hernandez said I know one of the concerns from the councilors I’ve spoken to if they decide to run for reelection it ends up putting most of the current constituency for District 3 in District 1 and most of 1’s current constituency into 3. They’re concerned about the ability to continue work when reelection time comes and the relationships.

Michael Sharp continued reviewing the new concepts.

Michael Harris said K at best that we can do correctly the councilor in precinct 42 is the historic district but if you combine it into District 1 then you oust a city councilor. So it’s not really possible given our constraints to include it with the rest.

Michael Sharp said one other change is that District 1 now includes the West Mesa area and the airport. That could go in either 1 or 2.

Michael Harris said I think we need a motion to remove I and replace it with I corrected.

Christine Rivera said I just switched them out since it was just a correction.

Terry Cook said after feedback from constituents and my councilor, I’m going with K and H.1 are preferred for District 3.

Estela Hernandez said likewise for District 1 from the feedback I have received from the councilor and constituents of District 1.

Terry Cook said RoseMarie said H and I.

Frances Lerner said H.

Michael Harris said for 6, K is my choice.

Lydia Hammond said I don’t like I. I like H-ish.

Michael Harris said for Bobbie at the last meeting I had a checkmark next to I and nothing next to J. I see no love for B or J.
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Lydia Hammond said I am still in favor of B as the relatively least changed option.

Votes were taken on which concept maps were preferred by each member:
- Concept B – Lydia, Terry
- Concept H – RoseMarie
- Concept H(1) – Estela, Terry, Frances, Lydia, RoseMarie(?)
- Concept I (1) (corrected) – RoseMarie
- Concept J – Lydia, Michael
- Concept K – Michael, Estela, Terry

Lydia Hammond Moved to Remove Concept I and Estela Hernandez Seconded the motion. It was Approved 5-0. RoseMarie Sanchez and Bobbie Green were absent.

Christine Rivera said another option is to take 4 maps to council if you can’t narrow it down to 3.

Lydia Hammond said there’s no limit to how many we send.

Michael Harris said I think we should set our next meeting date and at that point if we haven’t decided to narrow them down.

Estela Hernandez said I would still like to have the Alameda Depot Neighborhood and Mesquite Historic Districts kept together within District 1, advocating for what the constituents of that district are requesting.

Michael Harris asked which of the remaining concepts do that and which do not?

Estela Hernandez said Concepts H and K do and B and J do not and also in terms of the Hispanic population shifts from 2010 to 2020 within those two areas.

Lydia Hammond said I’ll speak up for B and J. Giving councilors options is important as well as providing them with a least change knowing that is usually what they go with with redistricting. We’ve covered multiple options so giving them the opportunity to see diverse options is good.

Terry Cook said for me it’s similar reasons for the choice and opportunities to discuss, and because of the stability.

V. NEXT MEETING – AUGUST 3, 2022

VI. ADJOURNMENT
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Frances Lerner Moved to Adjourn the Meeting, Terry Cook Seconded the Motion. It was Approved 5-0 to Adjourn at 6:21 p.m. RoseMarie Sanchez and Bobbie Green were absent.

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Chair