

Redistricting Commission

City of College Park

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting

Members	Present	Absent
Betty Colonomos		X
Val Graham		X
Alan Hew	X	
John Krouse	X	
Delmar Nelson	X	
Nathan Rickard	X	
Marilyn Yang	X	
Fritz Leopold		X
D.W. Rowlands	X	
Jordan Dewar	X	
Robert Day	X	
Staff and Others		
Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager	X	
Jacob Vassalotti, City GIS Analyst	X	
Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney	X	
Sam Mathur, ARCBridge Consulting	X	
Priti Mathur, ARCBridge Consulting	X	
Carleveva Thompson, Contract Secretary	X	

I. Call to Order

Mr. Day called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes

The Committee reviewed the July 11, 2022, meeting minutes.

Mr. Krouse motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Ms. Rowlands. All members in favor; no opposed. Motion carries, 8-0-0.

III. Introduction of ARCBridge, Inc. consultants to the Commission

Mr. Day asked the consultants from ARCBridge to introduce themselves to the Commission. Ms. Mathur informed the Commission of their experience on redistricting projects and showed the Commission a website that they developed for a redistricting project in New York.

IV. Updates of Estimated Population

a. Use the number of 100% for privately owned dorms

Ms. Rowlands presented to the Commission a list of privately owned dorms. City staff called each privately owned dorm and were informed that each dorm claimed to be at 100% occupancy. The Commission discussed utilizing the bed count for the privately owned dorms the same as the bed count will be used for the University owned dorms.

Ms. Rowlands motioned for the privately owned dorms, the Commission assumes the bed counts at 100% occupancy be used for the population and in the case of the block containing Mazza Grandmarc, the Commission assumes the population for the rest of that block is the Census count minus the 100% occupancy from Mazza Grandmarc. Second by Ms. Dewar. All members in favor; no opposed. Motion carries, 8-0-0.

b. Accounting Apartment Complexes

Ms. Rowlands discussed the occupancy of the apartment complexes and asked the Commission to decide on the calculation of the population count for the apartments.

Ms. Rowlands motioned to calculate the population of Aster Southern Gateway, the Commission will assume 95% capacity and 1.75 residents per occupied unit to make an estimated resident count of 653. Second by Mr. Rickard. All members in favor; no opposed. Motion carries, 8-0-0.

c. Voters by District

Ms. Rowlands reviewed the population counts of each District with the Commission. District 4 is heavy on population, but low on voters. District 1 is low on population, but high on voters. Ms. Rowlands presented different versions of the City map showing how each District's population count would look when re-distributing among each District.

Ms. Rowlands motioned to calculate Monument Village by the apartment rules used for Southern Gateway and split the big Autoville Census Tract by number of houses. Second by Mr. Hew. All members in favor, no opposed. Motion carries 8-0-0.

V. Confirm Public Meeting Dates and next Commission Meetings

The public hearings are on scheduled on September 1st at Davis Hall and September 12th at City Hall.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Hew motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mr. Rickard. The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carleveva Thompson, contract secretary