

Redistricting Commission Public Meeting

City of College Park

Virtual Meeting

Monday, October 3, 2022

Final Minutes

6:30 p.m.

Members	Present	Absent
Betty Colonomos	X	
Val Graham	X	
Alan Hew <sup>2</sup>	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 <sup>1,3</sup>	X	
Staff and Others		
Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager	X	
Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney	X	
Jacob Vassalotti, City GIS Analyst		X
Kenny Young, City Manager	X	
Carleveva Thompson, Contract Secretary	X	

<sup>1</sup>left meeting at 7:16 p.m.

<sup>2</sup>left meeting at 8:26 p.m.

<sup>3</sup>Rejoined meeting at 7:40 p.m.

## **I. Call to Order**

Mr. Day called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

## **II. Review and Approval of the Agenda**

The Commission reviewed the agenda and Ms. Rowlands proposed to amend the agenda to discuss a new proposed map based on the 2024 population.

**Ms. Colonomos motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Mr. Leopold. All members in favor, no opposed. Motion carries, 11-0-0.**

## **III. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The Commission reviewed the meeting minutes from the August 22nd, September 1st, September 12<sup>th</sup>, and September 26<sup>th</sup> meetings.

**Mr. Rickard motioned to approve all four sets of meeting minutes as amended. Second by Ms. Colonomos. All members in favor, no opposed. Motion carries 11-0-0.**

Mr. Krouse noted that he did not vote for Map 3C as the Commission's second choice as noted in the September 26, 2022 meeting minutes.

## **IV. Discussion of Council Comments and Requests at the September 27, 2022, Council Meeting**

The Commission discussed the Council receiving feedback regarding the changes to district 3 in the proposed maps created by the Commission. Discussions included that the Council may ask the Commission to create new proposed maps that retain the four neighborhoods in district 3. The Council may also vote for the Commission to take a new direction in redistricting the City to provide more flexibility to keep neighborhoods together in district 3.

Mr. Day asked the Commission if they think the Commission has met the Council's initial charge and members provided feedback and agreed that the Commission has met the original charge provided by the Council.

## **V. Discussion on Commission response and next steps**

The Commission held discussions on the next steps, which included to approve the final report or to provide the Council with the new map drafted by Ms. Rowlands. After discussions, the Commission decided to schedule another meeting after the Council's scheduled meeting.

**Mr. Rickard motioned for a Commission meeting on Monday, October 10, 2022, at 6:30 pm. Second by Ms. Rowlands. 10 members in favor, no opposed, 1 abstain. Motion carries, 10-0-1.**

Ms. Rowlands asked if the final report was ready for submission to the Council. Ms. Dewar confirmed the report was complete but needed minor edits. Members discussed submitting the final report to Council once the edits were completed. Mr. Gardiner suggested to the Commission to delay submitting the final report until after the Council's meeting.

**Mr. Krouse motioned to approve the final report subject to technical editing. Second by Mr. Nelson. 5 members in favor, 5 members opposed. Motion failed, 5-5-0.**

Ms. Rowlands informed the Commission that she created a new map based on the 2024 population. Members discussed holding off adding the new proposed map until the Council provides their comments or a new charge to the Commission.

**Ms. Rowlands asked for a motion to add the 6<sup>th</sup> map. Moved by Ms. Graham and second by Mr. Leopold. No members in favor, 8 members opposed, 1 member abstained. Motion failed, 0-8-1.**

The Commission continued discussions on providing the final report to the Council and holding off on creating new maps until the Council provides a new charge to the Commission.

**Mr. Krouse motioned to adopt the final report subject to technical editing, so the Council will have the report for concrete discussion. Second by Mr. Nelson. Ms. Rowlands amended the motion to finalize the report and note that the Commission is open if the Council amends the charge to requests new maps. All members in favor, no opposed. Motion carries 10-0-0.**

## **VI. Adjournment**

**Ms. Rowlands motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mr. Nelson. All members in favor, no opposed. Motion carries, 10-0-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carleveva Thompson, contract secretary