



Redistricting Commission

Record of Action | Virtual Meeting (Zoom Webinar)
Thursday, May 20, 2021 | 3:00 p.m.

This meeting aired live on the City's Zoom Webinar platform.

Commissioners Present

Valentine Hoy
Fredrick Kosmo
Roy MacPhail
Kenneth Malbrough
Alan Nevin
Mitz Lee
Justine Nielsen
Monica Hernandez
Thomas Hebrank

City Staff Present

Jennifer Berry, Deputy City Attorney
Kathy Steinman, Deputy City Attorney
Lora Fleming, Redistricting Commission Chief of Staff

Commissioner Roll Call

- Redistricting Commission Chair Hebrank called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. and the roll was called to confirm Commission member attendance.
 - **Present:** Fredrick Kosmo, Roy MacPhail, Kenneth Malbrough, Alan Nevin, Mitz Lee, Justine Nielsen, Monica Hernandez, Thomas Hebrank;
 - **Not Present:** Val Hoy (Commissioner Hoy joined the meeting after Item 8.)

Non-Agenda Public Comment

- No non-agenda public comment was received before or during the meeting.

Item 1- Chair's Report

- Chair Hebrank discussed the Redistricting Commission timeline. This will be a very different experience compared to the 2010 Redistricting Commission who received the Census data in mid-March. We are not expected to receive the data until late September. There may be legislative attempts to address this issue, but that is unknown at this time. We have been doing Community Planning Group outreach meetings, but we also have a requirement of doing 9 community meetings before we prepare preliminary maps. We will be in touch with Commissioners regarding a potential schedule.

Item 2- Commissioner Comment

- Commissioner Lee spoke about the outreach presentation at the Mira Mesa Community Planning Group. She mentioned that there has been a request by the Mira Mesa Town Council to attend their June meeting to provide the same outreach presentation. The question has been referred to the Outreach Subcommittee.

Item 3- Chief of Staff Comment

- Lora Fleming reported that many residents are getting vaccinated, and Covid restrictions are beginning to lift. With that in mind, she reached out to the City Legislative Director to see if the City Council would be meeting in person in the coming months. She was informed that as of now, the earliest that all the Councilmembers would be meeting in the Council Chambers would be early September. As a result, Redistricting Commission is also several months out from meeting in person.
- Second, she has been in contact with some UC San Diego faculty, and she might be bringing on an intern or two in the coming months. She will report back next month with an update.
- Last week, she met with Redistricting Commission staff from both the County of San Diego and the City of Chula Vista. She was able to get some insight on where they are in this process and how they are dealing with the Census delay. The group is planning to virtually meet again before the Census data is released.

Item 4- City Attorney's Office Comment

- No comments.

Item 5- Approve Record of Action for April 15, 2021 Meeting

- **ACTION:** Commissioner Nevin made a motion to approve the Record of Action for April 15, 2021. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Malbrough and approved 8-0 by the Commission members by a roll call vote.
 - **Yea:** Fredrick Kosmo, Roy MacPhail, Kenneth Malbrough, Alan Nevin, Mitz Lee, Justine Nielsen, Monica Hernandez, Thomas Hebrank;
 - **Nay:** (None);
 - **Recused:** (None);
 - **Not Present:** Val Hoy

Item 6- Comparing timelines between the 2010 and 2020 Redistricting Commission

- Lora Fleming provided an informational report that examined the 2010 City of San Diego Redistricting Commission timeline. She also went over some crucial dates and deadlines, and a recent vote by the County of San Diego's Independent Redistricting Commission. Lastly, she discussed some of the issues that the California Citizens Redistricting Commission is dealing with in terms of potential deadlines.

Item 7- Update from Outreach Subcommittee

- Subcommittee Chair Malbrough and Lora Fleming provided an update on the outreach presentations to the various Community Planning Groups. They also discussed the status of securing a translation services vendor and the updates to the Redistricting Commission website.

Item 8- Update from Mapping RFP Subcommittee

- Subcommittee Chair MacPhail reported that the RFP has been posted on Planet Bid, and the deadline for receiving submissions is Friday, May 28. There have been approximately 50 downloads of the RFP information which is a good sign. After the May 28 deadline, Purchasing and Contracting will review the bids for responsiveness. Then an Evaluation Committee will evaluate the applications based on the scoring metrics that have been approved by the full Commission. Commissioners MacPhail, Kosmo and Hebrank will serve on the Evaluation Committee, and Commissioner Nevin will serve as an alternate. The Evaluation Committee will score the responses in mid-June, and ideally, the mapping consultant would be selected and in place by July.

Item 9- Update from Legal Counsel RFP Subcommittee

- Subcommittee Chair Hoy reported that the subcommittee met on April 30th to review the RFP process, scope of work, and legal counsel engagement letter from 2011. The City Attorney's Office will take the lead in updating the scope of work which will then be distributed to subcommittee members for review. The subcommittee will meet again on June 4th and will have a final RFP ready for the full Commission to review at the June 17th meeting. Once approved, the Purchasing & Contracting Department will post the RFP. It is anticipated that the entire process will be finalized well in advance of when the Redistricting Commission would need the expertise of the selected law firm. There are not a lot of law firms that specialize in this field, however, and the subcommittee wants to engage these firms before they have accepted other contracts with surrounding jurisdictions. If the Redistricting Commission receives the Census data by September 30th, the selected legal counsel would begin advising in potentially October or November.

Item 10- Communities of Interest Legal Presentation

- Deputy City Attorneys Jennifer Berry and Kathy Steinman provided an in-depth presentation on communities of interest.

Item 10- Adjournment

- Chair Hebrank adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting at 3:00 p.m. on June 17, 2021.