

MINUTES
FOR THE 2010 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2011
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM – 12TH FLOOR

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dalal at 4:11 p.m. 9 persons were noted in attendance. The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Dalal at 5:56 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting of the Redistricting Commission on Thursday, February 17, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. in Committee Room.

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

- (C) Chairperson Anisha Dalal
- (VC) Vice Chairman Carlos Marquez - not present
- (M) Ani Mdivani-Morrow
- (M) Frederick Kosmo
- (M) Theresa Quiroz
- (M) David Potter
- (M) Arthur Nishioka

ROLL CALL:

Chairperson Anisha Dalal called the roll:

- (C) Chairperson Anisha Dalal-present
- (VC) Vice Chairman Carlos Marquez-not present
- (M) Ani Mdivani-Morrow-present
- (M) Frederick Kosmo-present
- (M) Theresa Quiroz-present
- (M) David Potter-present
- (M) Arthur Nishioka-present

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Redistricting Commission on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Comments are limited to no more than two minutes per speaker. Submit requests to speak to the Commission's Operations Director prior to 5:00 p.m. Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act, no discussion or action, other than a referral, shall be taken by the Redistricting Commission on any issue brought forth under Non-Agenda Comment.

Comment-1:

Jim Varnadore suggested identifying the proposed districts by letters instead of numbers, and commented on preserving a community of interest.

COMMISSION COMMENT:

Commissioner Comment-1:

Commissioner Nishioka commented on a previous discussion regarding the consideration to temporarily identify proposed districts by letters instead of numbers.

Commissioner Comment-2:

Commissioner Quiroz commented on an opportunity in using the mapping software that the state will be using for their redistricting.

**CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY STAFF ASSIGNED TO REDISTRICTING
COMMISSION COMMENT:**

None.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM - 1: DISCUSSION REGARDING AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE V, SECTION 6, OF THE COMMISSION'S BYLAWS REGARDING COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner Nishioka provided an overview on a recently convened meeting of the Bylaws Subcommittee to discuss possible amendments as previously suggested by the public and Commissioners.

Commissioner Quiroz suggested possible amendments in paragraphs two and three of the proposed revision of bylaws as stated in the handout.

The Commission and Deputy City Attorney Sharon Spivak discussed the possible amendments and suggested verbiage.

Comment-1:

Milreca Wu thanked the Commissioners for all their hard work and offered Empower San Diego's support on the proposed amendments.

Motion by Commissioner Nishioka to: 1) approve the proposed amendments in substantially the same form as stated in the handout titled Item 1, Redistricting Commission Agenda of February 3, 2011, Article V, Section 6, Proposed Revision of Bylaws; 2) add the words, "This paragraph shall not restrict the Commission Chair from communicating with City staff regarding administrative matters of the Commission" at the end of the third paragraph; and 3) add the words, "the Mayor or any member of the San Diego City Council, or their representatives" after the words, "substantive communications between" in the last paragraph. Second by Commissioner Potter. The motion is approved 5 to 1. Those in favor are Chairperson Dalal, Commissioner Morrow, Commissioner Kosmo, Commissioner Potter, and Commissioner Nishioka. Commissioner Quiroz is in opposition. Vice Chairman Marquez is not present.

ITEM - 2: DISCUSSION REGARDING AMENDMENT OF THE COMMISSION'S OPERATING PROCEDURES WITHIN THE BYLAWS REGARDING CHIEF OF STAFF AND PROTOCOL:

Commissioner Nishioka introduced the item regarding an amendment of the Commission's operating procedures. The Subcommittee proposed adding a new Section 3 to Article III of the Bylaws and Operating Procedures regarding protocol for the Chief of Staff.

Commissioner Quiroz asked about the proposed language contained in the fifth paragraph.

Deputy City Attorney Sharon Spivak stated the intent of that language was to allow the Chief of Staff to be able to perform all of the administrative duties and hold conversations with City staff.

Comment-1:

Milreca Wu thanked the Commissioners for suggesting the proposed amendments.

Motion by Commissioner Nishioka to: 1) approve the proposed amendments in substantially the same form as stated in the handout titled Item 2, Redistricting Commission Agenda of February 3, 2011, Article III, Section 3, Proposed New Section for Operating Procedures of Redistricting Commission; 2) delete the word "or" between the words "meetings" and "conversations" in the fifth paragraph; and 3) add the words, "or conduct the day-to-day operations of the Commission" at the end of the fifth paragraph. Second by Commissioner Kosmo. The motion is approved unanimously. Vice Chairman Marquez is not present.

ITEM - 3: INTRODUCTION OF CITY CHARTER AND FEDERAL LAW REQUIREMENTS FOR REDISTRICTING PLAN AND PRE-MAP PUBLIC HEARINGS BY THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:

Deputy City Attorney Sharon Spivak gave a redistricting overview using a PowerPoint presentation on the City Charter and Federal Law requirements and answered questions from the Commissioners.

ITEM - 4: DISCUSSION REGARDING AGENDAS AND CALENDAR FOR PRE-MAP PUBLIC HEARINGS UNDER CHARTER SECTION 5.1:

Chairperson Dalal commented on the timeline for public hearings and maximum public input. Also, discussed were the issues of outreach, goals, data, and attendance of the potential introductory meetings.

Chairperson Dalal suggested two different options for the first rounds of public outreach.

Additionally, the Commissioners asked questions and gave their input on those options as presented by Chairperson Dalal.

Motion by Chairperson Dalal to establish an Outreach Subcommittee to develop an overall strategy including timeline and methods for Commission outreach efforts with assistance from the Chief of Staff. The Outreach Subcommittee shall be comprised of a Chair Commissioner Potter, Commissioner Marquez, and Commissioner Quiroz. Second by Commissioner Nishioka. The motion is approved 5 to 1. Those in favor are Chairperson Dalal, Commissioner Morrow, Commissioner Kosmo, Commissioner Potter, and Commissioner Nishioka. Commissioner Quiroz is in opposition. Vice Chairman Marquez is not present.

Motion by Chairperson Dalal to allow the Chief of Staff to provide public presentations to the groups who have already made requests to learn more about redistricting efforts. Second by Commissioner Potter. The motion is approved unanimously. Vice Chairman Marquez is not present.

INFORMATION ITEMS

ITEM - 5: SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS - SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT FROM MAPPING SUBCOMMITTEE:

Commissioner Morrow of the Mapping Subcommittee identified the three possible routes to procure a consultant for mapping software and technical assistance. She reported the possible selections of a firm to be from the City's shortlist, the "piggyback" process, and a formal Request for Proposal.

After reviewing the options, the Mapping Subcommittee believes the "piggyback" process or the formal Request for Proposal are both viable options.

Commissioner Morrow provided information regarding the critical services of work the mapping software should be able to perform.

STAFF REPORTS

ITEM - 6: MIDORI WONG, CHIEF OF STAFF OF REDISTRICTING COMMISSION:

Midori Wong provided updates on staffing, timeline for Commission work, and minutes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Dalal adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

Gilberto Sanchez
Legislative Recorder
City Clerk's Office