

MINUTES
FOR THE 2010 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM – 12TH FLOOR

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dalal at 4:05 p.m. 18 persons were observed to be in attendance. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dalal at 4:45 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting of the Redistricting Commission on Thursday, May 5, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

(C) Chair Anisha Dalal
(M) Ani Mdivani-Morrow
(M) Frederick Kosmo
(M) Arthur Nishioka
(M) David Potter
(M) Theresa Quiroz

ROLL CALL:

Chair Anisha Dalal called the roll:

(C) Chair Anisha Dalal - present
(VC) Vice Chair Carlos Marquez - not present
(M) Ani Mdivani-Morrow - present
(M) Frederick Kosmo - present
(M) Arthur Nishioka - present
(M) David Potter - present
(M) Theresa Quiroz - 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 three minutes per speaker. Submit requests to speak to the Midori Wong, Redistricting Commission Chief of Staff, before the item is called. 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 – Cory Briggs, Treasurer of EMPOWER San Diego, gave a brief description of the organization and how it helps communities of interest. He also commented on his own behalf that special interests encouraged lies about his organization in a KUSI television news story. He provided copies of EMPOWER San Diego’s press release responding to the KUSI story, and other information about EMPOWER San Diego.

Comment 2 – Jim Varnadore, a resident of City Heights, spoke broadly about the community of interest that is to be preserved and that the community should decide how to provide that direction.

Comment 3 – Rick Newman, a member of the Carmel Valley Community Planning Board, spoke on behalf of the Planning Board and their desire to stay in District 1. He also spoke on his own behalf about the Coast & Canyons plan, which seeks to encourage the Commission to draw certain lines for District 1.

Comment 4 – Chad Creviston, a resident of downtown San Diego, spoke about the remarks he made at the pre-map public hearing on Tuesday regarding some of the members of the Commission being disqualified to serve on the Commission. He commented on Vice Chair Carlos Marquez specifically and asked if he would consider resigning.

CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY STAFF ASSIGNED TO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSION COMMENT:

Commissioner Comment 1 – Commissioner Kosmo commented on the first pre-map public hearings and that the people who attended them provided some nice insight.

Commissioner Comment 2 – Chair Anisha Dalal agreed with Commissioner Kosmo’s comment and encouraged everyone to continue attending these meetings.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM - 1: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Potter noted that under Item 2, “the Motion passed unanimously 6-1”, unanimously should be stricken.

Motion by Commissioner Potter: To approve the Minutes for April 7, 2011. Second by Commissioner Nishioka. Motion passed unanimously 6-0. Vice Chair Marquez is absent.

ITEM – 2: DIRECTION REGARDING TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION SERVICE REQUESTS.

Ms. Wong presented information on the request received and estimated cost for translation and interpretation costs for two pre-map public hearings, and asked the Commission for direction on future meetings.

Motion by Commissioner Nishioka: To approve expenditure for simultaneous interpretation at the April 30, 2011, citywide public hearing, and consecutive interpretation at the May 2, 2011 public hearing in District 3; to generally approve simultaneous interpretation at “citywide” hearings and consecutive interpretation at district hearings; and to revisit this item based upon future requests for services. Second by Commissioner Kosmo. Motion passed 5-1. Commissioner Quiroz not in favor. Vice Chair Marquez is absent.

INFORMATION ITEMS

ITEM - 3: MAPPING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Morrow reported on the status of the RFP for support services and mapping software as well as an alternative proposal by San Diego Data Processing. The subcommittee will next prepare a draft contract to include scope of work and fee schedule for consideration by the Commission.

Comment was given by Ms. Wong on behalf of Brian Pollard, who was not able to attend the meeting. Mr. Pollard recommended the Commission to utilize the San Diego Data Processing Department as the consultant to implement the mapping process for the 2010 Redistricting process.

STAFF REPORTS

ITEM - 4: MIDORI WONG, CHIEF OF STAFF

Ms. Wong reported on a request for district maps to be shown on the screen and provided a reminder of upcoming pre-map hearings.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Dalal adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Janet Comer, Executive Secretary
2010 Redistricting Commission