

**MINUTES
FOR THE 2010 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2011

**CITY METRO OPERATIONS CENTER (MOC II) - AUDITORIUM
9191 TOPAZ WAY, SAN DIEGO, CA 92123**

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dalal at 4:00 p.m. 35 persons were observed to be in attendance. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dalal at 5:27 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting of the Redistricting Commission on Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the MOC II Auditorium.

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

(C) Chair Anisha Dalal
(VC) Vice Chair Carlos Marquez
(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 - 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 – Jim Varnadore, presented maps of City Heights.

Comment 2 – Chris Cate, on behalf of the San Diego County Taxpayers Association (SDCTA), offered clarification on the map given to the Commission at the May 19th meeting. He stated that the data was from the County GIS and the City of San Diego.

Comment 3 – Deborah Knight, Executive Director of the Friends of Rose Canyon, presented a proposal on the community of University City and asked that University City and La Jolla stay together in one Council District.

Comment 4 – Matt Kriz, urged the Commission to see the process through and not let the Republican Party discourage them.

Comment 5 – Michael Sprague, spoke about other parties that are trying to interfere with the process and encouraged the Commission to continue do their work.

Comment 6 – Barrett Tetlow, on behalf of the Republican Party of San Diego, gave a presentation on the importance of compactness.

Comment 7 – James Lawson, on behalf of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP) San Diego chapter, expressed his support for the San Diego County Taxpayers Association map.

Comment 8 – Ryan Trabuco, spoke about a map that would keep Clairemont in one district and gave a brief presentation on a proposal for all City Council Districts.

Comment 9 – Julie Dillon, a resident of Point Loma, asked the Commission to support the Taxpayers Association map.

Comment 10 – Douglas Gray expressed his support of the San Diego County Taxpayers Association plan.

Comment 11 – Craig Benedetto, on behalf of the Business Leadership Alliance, and gave a brief description of the Business Leadership Alliance and the importance of keeping commercial areas together.

Comment 12 – Tony Krvaric, on behalf of the Republican Party of San Diego County, spoke to the Commission about Commissioner Marquez's residency.

Comment 13 – Janelle Riella, on behalf of the Downtown San Diego Partnership, expressed support for the Taxpayers Association neighborhood map.

Comment 14 – Ken Msemaji spoke to the Commission about the intimidation tactics and expressed his appreciation for the work the Commission is doing.

Comment 15 – Emily Serafy Cox, Executive Director of Empower San Diego, asked the Commission to hold meetings in places where there is public transportation. She also gave clarification that Empower San Diego did not create the Communities in Unity Map, and that Commissioner Quiroz is not on the Board of Directors with Empower San Diego.

Comment 16 – John Turpit, a commercial architect in San Diego and member of NAIOP, expressed his support as well as the support of the NAIOP for the Taxpayers Association map. He also expressed his concern about the Commission’s proceedings and how it will harm the business economy.

Comment 17 – Dr. Allen Chan, representing APAC, asked the Commission to consider the importance of seeing the difference between the needs of communities of interest and those of partisan political interest.

Comment 18 – Joe LaCava spoke about the endorsement of the Coast & Canyon Plan and asked the Commission to use Community Planning Areas, and not the Taxpayers Association map.

Comment 19 – Lani Lutar, President of the San Diego County Taxpayers Association, spoke about the map and how it was developed based on principles. She also spoke about giving groups that created maps a Q&A to get technical questions answered regarding the maps.

Comment 20 – Brian Pollard spoke about the Unity in Community map and how it represents the growth and the demographic change in the city.

COMMISSION COMMENT:

Commissioner Nishioka thanked all the presenters for their comments and opinions. He also asked the Chief of Staff to investigate the walking distance from MOC II & the Kearny Mesa Transit Center.

CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY STAFF ASSIGNED TO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION COMMENT:

None.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM - 1: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 19, 2011 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION MEETING.

Motion by Commissioner Potter: To approve the Minutes for May 19, 2011 and correct page 7, Item 2, “Chief of State” to read “Chief of Staff.” Second by Commissioner Marquez. Motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Nishioka abstained.

ITEM – 2: DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF MAPPING CONSULTANT IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS.

Chair Dalal gave a brief summary of the status of the RFP by the Subcommittee.

Public Comment: Douglas Johnson, president of National Demographics Corporation, introduced himself to the Commission.

ITEM – 3: OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT ON POST-MAP PUBLIC HEARINGS AND TRANSLATION SERVICES IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

Commissioner Potter commented on the post-map public hearings locations and how the Commission is working to get translation services at those meetings.

Public Comment: Michael Sprague, expressed that 4:00 pm is not a good time for most people to come to community meetings.

Motion by Commissioner Potter: To approve simultaneous interpretation services for two post-map hearings in District 3 and District 8. Second by Commissioner Nishioka. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

ITEM – 4: INITIAL DISCUSSION REGARDING PRE-MAP PUBLIC HEARINGS, PUBLIC TESTIMONY RECEIVED, AND POTENTIAL DIRECTION FOR MAPPING CONSULTANT.

Public Comment 1: Michael Sprague, commented on the population of City Heights.

Public Comment 2: Ben Rivera, representing the Latino Redistricting Committee, Historic Barrio District, and the Logan Heights, Sherman Heights Neighborhood Councils. Spoke about the communities in District 8.

Commissioners Quiroz and Marquez suggested having a meeting to interact with the public on the maps in their community planning areas.

Chair Dalal talked about the mapping software online and their goal to have maps by July.

INFORMATION ITEMS

ITEM – 5: REPORT ON REDISTRICTING SOFTWARE

Ms. Wong gave a brief update on the software and noted that there will be a demonstration at the next meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

ITEM - 5: MIDORI WONG, CHIEF OF STAFF

Ms. Wong provided the monthly budget report as part of the agenda for Commissioners' review.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Dalal adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Janet Comer, Executive Secretary
2010 Redistricting Commission