

**REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
DALLAS CITY HALL, ROOM 6ES
TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2011**

Commission Members Present:

Dr. Ruth Morgan, Chair
Billy Ratcliff, Vice Chair
Hollis Brashear
Domingo Garcia
Gary Griffith
Donna Halstead
Mary Hasan
Mark Hord
Elizabeth Jones
Jon Brooks Love
John Loza
John Lozano
Stanley Mays
Daniel "Corky" Sherman
Tom Wood

Staff Present:

Yasmin Tolliver, Redistricting Manager
Barbara McAninch, Asst. City Attorney
Lindsay Kramer, Demographer
Peter Bratt, Redistricting Coordinator
Daisy Torres, Redistricting Coordinator
Arlicia Herron, Office Assistant

Commission Members Absent:

None

Members of the Public Present: 9

Media Present: 1

6:01 P.M. Meeting called to order by Chair, Dr. Ruth Morgan. A quorum was present.

1. Opening Remarks

- Dr. Morgan told the Commission that the special meeting called for Thursday June 30, 2011 was called with the anticipation of more maps to come. The Commission needs to keep the process moving. Commissioner Brashear stated that he will not be able to attend. The Chair responded that the June 30 date was a reserved date for a called meeting on the Commission approved schedule.
- Dr. Morgan asked Commissioners who is planning on submitting a city-wide map to the Commission. Commissioner Ratcliff responded that he plans to submit a city-wide map and is collaborating with the Commissioners of the southern sector. This map would be a city-wide plan.
- Commissioner Brashear stated he will be working with others, and the plan should be ready by Thursday, June 30.

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- Commissioner Mays stated he will be working with Commissioner Ratcliff on a plan.
- Commissioner Garcia stated that he will be submitting a city-wide plan.
- Commissioner Sherman stated that he is working on a plan, but it may not be a full plan. It may just be an amendment to an existing plan.

2. Approval of June 21, 2011 Minutes

- Motion: Commissioner Brashear moved to approve the Tuesday, June 21, 2011 Minutes.
 - Seconded: Commissioner Wood
 - Ayes: 11
 - Nays: 0
- Motion Passed: 11-0 (unanimously. Members Love, Garcia, Jones, and Lozano had not yet arrived.)

3. Staff Updates

a. Computer Lab/Web Application Updates

- Manager Tolliver informed the Commission that as of June 28, there have been 55 requests for web accounts, 13 requests for computer lab accounts in the Redistricting Office, and 1 account for the workstation at the Central Library.
 - Originally the Commission had planned on submitting a plan to the Mayor by the end of August 2011, but the schedule may need to be extended into September.
 - All public plans must be received by June 30, 2011 at 5:00pm CDT.
 - The Special Called Meeting agenda for Thursday lists presentation of wPlan31 and wPlan45 if all issues with plans are worked out by the submitters. The submitter for wPlan31 will be present to submit his plan. The submitter for wPlan45 will not be available to present her plan and has indicated it would be ok if staff presented the basic information about the plan without her present. Manager Tolliver asked the Commission if they would like to wait until the submitter of wPlan45 is available or if they would like staff to provide the summary data and map without it being formally presented by the submitter. The staff will not be presenting the plan only providing the plan's summary.

Commissioner Loza asked if the staff could ask the submitter if she had anyone to substitute in her place and present the map. Commissioner Sherman suggests that the Commission view it even if she is unable to present it.

Commissioners Love, Jones, and Lozano arrived at 6:35pm.

- Motion: Commissioner Ratcliff moved that Commissioners be allowed to submit city-wide plans no later than July 14, 2011.

- Seconded: Commissioner Loza
 - Ayes: 14
 - Nays: 0

Motion Passed: 14-0 (unanimously. Commissioner Garcia had not arrived)

b. Review of Procedures of the Redistricting Commission

- At the request of the Chair, Assistant City Attorney McAninch reviewed Redistricting Commission Orientated Notebook Tab A, Appendix A: Parliamentary Rules of Redistricting Commission, Voting and Miscellaneous on pages 24-25.

4. Plan Presentation Process Approval

- Motion: Commissioner Halstead moved to approve Process for Presentation of Plans dated June 28, 2011
- Seconded: Commissioner Mays

- Motion: Commissioner Loza moved to amend paragraph number 3 to read “time period of 30 minutes for questions” in the Process for Presentation of Plans dated June 28, 2011
- Seconded: Commissioner Love
 - Ayes: 13
 - Nays: 1 (Commissioner Wood)

Motion Passed: 13-1 (Commissioner Garcia had not arrived)

- Motion: Commissioner Halstead moved to amend paragraph number 3 to read “Each presenter of a city-wide plan shall be allowed 10 minutes” in the Process for Presentation of Plans dated June 28, 2011
- Seconded: Commissioner Ratcliff
 - Ayes: 12
 - Nays: 2 (Commissioners Loza and Wood)

Motion Passed: 12-2 (Commissioner Garcia had not arrived)

Commissioner Garcia arrived

- Motion: Commissioner Loza moved to amend the second sentence in paragraph number 2 to read “Any party, who assisted” in the Process for Presentation of Plans dated June 28, 2011.
- Seconded: Commissioner Ratcliff
 - Ayes: 14
 - Nays: 1 (Commissioner Brashear)

Motion Passed: 14-1

- Motion: Commissioner Jones moved to amend the opening statement to read “the Commission has adopted a uniform process for reviewing each city-wide redistricting plan submitted.” in the Process for Presentation of Plans dated June 28, 2011 (thus removing the word initial).

- Seconded: Commissioner Loza
 - Ayes: 15
 - Nays: 0
 Motion Passed: 15-0 (unanimously)

- Motion: Commissioner Jones moved to amend the second sentence in paragraph number 2 to read “Any party, including paid consultants, who assisted” in the Process for Presentation of Plans dated June 28, 2011
- Seconded: Commissioner Ratcliff
- Commissioner Loza amended the amendment to say “Any party, including paid consultants, who materially assisted”
- Commissioner Love second the amendment to the motion
 - Ayes: 15
 - Nays: 0
 Motion Passed: 15-0 (unanimously)

The Commission then voted on the original Motion to adopt to Process for Presentation of Plans dated June 29, 2011 as amended by the Commission.

Ayes: 15
 Nays: 0
 Motion Passed: 15-0 (unanimously.)

5. Commissioner Plan or Partial Plan Submission Presentation

- None

6. Public Plan or Partial Plan Submission Presentation

- None

7. Commission Discussion and Vote on Plan Consideration

a. cPlan10

- Motion: Commissioner Halstead moved for cPlan10 to move forward for discussion and directions to staff to amend the plan.
- Seconded: Commissioner Brashear seconded the motion, but then withdrew the second, and Commissioner Wood then seconded the motion.

It was very clear to all that this vote in no way is an approval of any plan, but merely a putting the plan on the table for discussion and so that changes can be made by the members of the Commission to correct issues raised by Commissioners regarding the plan. Any plan moved forward will return to the meeting with Commission directed changes for additional discussion in accordance with the Process for Presentation of Plans adopted by the Commission.

After lengthy discussion by the Commission, a roll call vote was taken on the Motion:

District 14 Commissioner Love = No
District 13 Commissioner Jones = Yes
District 12 Commissioner Wood = Yes
District 11 Commissioner Hord = Yes
District 10 Commissioner Halstead = Yes
District 9 Commissioner Sherman = Yes
District 8 Commissioner Hasan = No
District 7 Commissioner Mays = No
District 6 Commissioner Lozano = Yes
District 5 Commissioner Brashear = No
District 4 Commissioner Ratcliff = Yes
District 3 Commissioner Sherman = Yes
District 2 Commissioner Loza = No
District 1 Commissioner Garcia = No
Chair Ruth Morgan = Yes

Motion Passed: 9-6

b) pPlan03

- Motion: Commissioner Hord moved to place pPlan03 forward for discussion and directions to staff to amend the plan
- Seconded: Commissioner Love

Bill Betzen, the submitter, withdrew pPlan03 for consideration by the Commission. Mr. Betzen feels that the wPlan24 is better than pPlan03 and would rather it be considered. The motion to move forward was withdrawn.

c) wPlan24

- Motion: Commissioner Mays moved to place wPlan24 forward for discussion and directions to staff to amend the plan
 - Seconded: Commissioner Jones
- After discussion of the plan, a roll call vote was taken:

District 5 Commissioner Brashear = Yes
District 1 Commissioner Garcia = Yes
District 9 Commissioner Griffith = Yes
District 10 Commissioner Halstead = Yes
District 9 Commissioner Hasan = Yes
District 11 Commissioner Hord = Yes
District 13 Commissioner Jones = Yes
District 14 Commissioner Love = Yes
District 2 = Commissioner Loza = No
District 6 = Commissioner Lozano = Yes
District 7 = Commissioner Mays = Yes
Chair Ruth Morgan = Yes
District 4 Commissioner Ratcliff = Yes

District 3 Commissioner Sherman = Yes
District 12 Commissioner Wood = Yes
Motion Passed: 14-1

8. Commission Discussion and Vote to Give Direction to Staff on Modifying Plans Approved for Continued Consideration

- Motion: Commissioner Jones moved to direct staff to prepare a map with the modifications that Commissioner Halstead requests on cPlan10 by 12 pm on Wednesday, June 29, 2011.
- Seconded: Commissioner Mays

After discussion there was a roll call vote:

District 5 Commissioner Brashear = Yes
District 1 Commissioner Garcia = Yes
District 9 Commissioner Griffith = Yes
District 10 Commissioner Halstead = Yes
District 9 Commissioner Hasan = Yes
District 11 Commissioner Hord = Yes
District 13 Commissioner Jones = Yes
District 14 Commissioner Love = Yes
District 2 = Commissioner Loza = Yes
District 6 = Commissioner Lozano = Yes
District 7 = Commissioner Mays = Yes
Chair Ruth Morgan = Yes
District 4 Commissioner Ratcliff = Yes
District 3 Commissioner Sherman = Yes
District 12 Commissioner Wood = Yes

Motion Passed: 15-0

- Motion: Commissioner Jones moved to direct staff to prepare a map with the modifications that public person Mr. Betzen requests on wPlan24 by 12 pm Wednesday, June 29, 2011.
- Seconded: Commissioner Mays

After discussion there was a roll call vote:

District 5 Commissioner Brashear = Yes
District 1 Commissioner Garcia = Yes
District 9 Commissioner Griffith = Yes
District 10 Commissioner Halstead = Yes
District 9 Commissioner Hasan = Yes
District 11 Commissioner Hord = Yes
District 13 Commissioner Jones = Yes
District 14 Commissioner Love = Yes
District 2 = Commissioner Loza = Yes
District 6 = Commissioner Lozano = Yes

District 7 = Commissioner Mays = Yes
Chair Ruth Morgan = Yes
District 4 Commissioner Ratcliff = Yes
District 3 Commissioner Sherman = Yes
District 12 Commissioner Wood = Yes

Motion Passed: 15-0

- Motion: Commissioner Sherman moved to direct staff to modify wPlan24 by putting Kessler Park back together where split in accordance with the boundaries that he will provide to staff.
- Seconded: Commissioner Mays
 - Ayes: 15
 - Nays: 0Motion Passed: 15-0 (unanimously)

9. Public Speakers

- Assistant City Attorney McAninch informed the speakers of the rules for speaking to the commission.
- Mr. Mike Sanderson resides at 5823 Fallsview Land in District 12, and is the President of Prestonwood Westlake Homeowner Association and Vice President of Prestonwood Master Association. He is also member of Greater Far North Dallas planning committee in 1995 for District 11 and 12. Mr. Sanderson expressed concerns with the way the current proposed maps are splitting down the middle groups such as Prestonwood Westlake Homeowner Association, Prestonwood West Master Association, Highland North Homeowner Association, Hillcrest Manor Homeowner Association, Prestonwood East Homeowner Association and North Dallas Alliance which contains 7 groups and is in District 12. There are four major problems with the proposed District 12 that are causing problems. Highlands North will be split in half at Campbell Road. Hillcrest Manor will be split in half at Campbell Road. The Bowie Elementary School attendance zone will be split, as well as a number of HOAs involved in the Preston Ridge Trail.
- Ms. Marla Biekman resides at 5739 Preston Fairways in District 12, and is a member of the North Dallas Neighborhood Alliance. The North Dallas Neighborhood Alliance is working on a partial plan to be submitted by the June 30 deadline, and is focusing on keeping areas of common interest together.
- Ms. Ann Murphy, resides at 19125 Windmill Lane in District 12, and is the Co-President of North Dallas Alliance. Ms. Murphy informed the commission that she intends to present a plan that Lee Biekman has worked on. The North Dallas Alliance has been around for 20 to 25 years and knows the area well.
- Former City Councilmember Sandra Crenshaw, resides at 1431 Quartet St in District 8. Ms. Crenshaw informed the Commission that the public was unaware that the Commission would be allowing plans from the Commissioners to be submitted and reviewed before the public plan

deadline had passed. The public will not be unable to make changes to maps like a commissioner could, and it will not be a fair process. Ms. Crenshaw feels that Commissioner Halstead's map holds more weight than the plans submitted by citizens. Ms. Crenshaw also noted that she has a map but has held on to it until deadline of June 30.

- Councilmember Dwaine Caraway, working at 1500 Marilla St hails from District 4. Councilmember Caraway provided his observation of the process.

1. He would like to see if the Commission could allow public speakers to provide comments before voting to move a map forward.
2. He also informed the commission of the perception being presented that a citizen can only submit one map. He wanted the public to know that the public can turn in as many maps as they would like before the June 30, 2011 deadline.


Councilmember Caraway also cautioned the commission as to when directing the public as relating to submitting changes it could be perceived that he was forced to make a move against what he wanted to present.

10. Additional Questions/Final Remarks


- No final remarks

11. Adjournment

- At 9:29 pm the meeting was adjourned.



CHAIR



COMMISSION ADMINISTRATOR

Note: For detailed information on meeting refer to the video tape of the meeting posted on the Redistricting website.