

**REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
DALLAS CITY HALL, ROOM 6ES  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 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: 41

Media Present: 2

**6:00 PM** The meeting called to order by Chair, Dr. Ruth Morgan. A quorum was present.

1. Opening Remarks  
The Chair reminded commissioners and the audience that no cell phones were to be used during the meeting.
2. Approval of August 20, 2011 Minutes
  - Motion: Commissioner Jones moved to approve the minutes of August 20, 2011. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mays. Commissioner Brashear asked that his objection to Commissioner Loza's motion on page 2, item 6 be reflected in the Minutes. In addition, Commissioner Brashear corrected his first motion on page 5, to let the record show that his reason for making the motion was to state clearly that there is no connection between the Red Bird community and District 3, which contains Kessler Park, Stevens Park and Winnetka Park in Far North Oak Cliff.

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Ayes: 14

Nays: 1

The motion to approve the Minutes as corrected passed. (Commissioner Garcia voted against the motion).

- Motion: Commissioner Wood moved to suspend the rules to correct the error in the agenda and to allow public speakers to address the Commission prior to the Commission's deliberation and vote on the final plan and further that the regular speaker rules be amended to limit the speakers to 2 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hord.

Ayes: 15

Nays: 0

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Commission Discussion of Plan(s)

- The Chair asked the Commission if they would like to reverse the agenda order of items number 4 and 5 to determine the final plan before making modifications. An objection was stated by Commissioner Halstead, and she requested that the Commission proceed with the agenda as written. In order to expedite the process, Chair Morgan stated that Commission discussion will occur in sequence, and discussion among the Commissioners will be held as to their individual plan preference. Each Commissioner then stated his or her current plan preference and the reason for the preference.
- **Commissioner Garcia** (District 1) stated that he would support Plan 16. It was the plan that best represented what the commission heard from the public. As far as the deviation issue, it can be corrected based on what staff recommended.
- **Commissioner Loza** (District 2) stated that he supports Plan 16. There was one modification that was made on Saturday, August 20, 2011 concerning Districts 2 and 6 that he will be seeking to change. But, aside from that, he will be supporting Plan 16.
- **Commissioner Sherman** (District 3) stated that at this point he would support Plan 16.
- **Commissioner Brashear** (District 5) stated that he would support Plan 5. Plan 16 destroys a strong community that happens to be an African American community. It has a history of common interest in social economic religious and political agreement. Plan 16 weakens the community's representation by dividing the community among 3 representatives in Districts 3, 4, and 8. He found out that in the last election over 2,700 citizens voted in District 5 in support of the representative for that district. That vote is only exceeded by the heavy votes in North Dallas.

- **Commissioner Lozano** (District 6) stated that taking into consideration the public testimony on Saturday August 20, 2011 and at the previous meeting, he would support Plan 16.
- **Commissioner Mays** (District 7) stated that he would support Plan 16 for the following reasons: 1) the criteria the Commission set forward was to unite Buckner Terrace, plan 5 does not unite Buckner Terrace. 2) The Commission wanted to create a Pleasant Grove district. Testimony received stated that Kleberg-Riley did not want to be with Pleasant Grove, while Plan 5 puts it into Pleasant Grove. 3) Stated that he knew that the Department of Justice does not look at this but Plan 5 places 3 incumbents into one district. Those are the reasons he would be supporting Plan 16.
- **Commissioner Ratcliff** (District 4) stated that he would also support Plan 16 for several reasons. He will support Plan 16 because of how it was put together and how it is representative of what he believes the City of Dallas is looking forward to in terms of its representation. There are a couple of things he would like to offer to amend at the appropriate time to help correct what Commissioner Brashear was talking about in terms of the number of African Americans in specific districts. If they can increase the number of African Americans in District 3, which would then be more like a minority coalition district instead of being identified as a Hispanic district. But regardless of any of the outcomes or suggestions tonight, he supports Plan 16.
- **Commissioner Hasan** (District 8) stated that when she came on this Commission she knew it would be a tough job but she came as a commissioner for District 8. She tried to do what the people of District 8 asked her to do. She never tried to destroy anybody's district. She thought redistricting was about people and population. She found out that she was a little bit delusional. It's about a lot of people seeing redistricting as the opportunity to have so called economic engines put in their district. She also found out that certain people in certain parts of town appear to have more voice than the people in the Southern sector. She stated that you have to fight a lot harder when you live in the Southern sector to try to accommodate the wishes of the constituents of the Southern sector. Everybody had a problem with District 8, but the people that live in District 8. When they started tearing apart neighborhoods in North Dallas it didn't take much for them to change that. She will be the first to say that there is a place for District 5. District 5 did not have to be eliminated if the focus was on people. People with the same interest and same economic status, but it became a battle for economic interests. That's when she decided that she could no longer worry about District 5. She had to worry about District 8 because that's what she promised the people in District 8 she would do. She will support Plan 16.
- **Commissioner Griffith** (District 9) stated that he supported Plan 5 and Plan 16 going forward. He particularly likes Plan 5 because the author worked with him, and overlaid Woodrow High School, which was a central part of the East Dallas community, and aligned it with District 9,

while Plan 16 did not take this school into consideration. He spoke out about the importance of aligning and overlaying their schools with their neighborhoods so that they can work together. He is going to look at Plan 16 which he does find favor with. The map the Commission worked on does not meet population equality so there is an alternative but that was yet to be introduced. The Commission has a Plan 16 that fails, and a Plan 5 that does not. So, he is going to stay open and listen to the discussion as they look at the draft for Plan 16, and if it does all the things he needs to see, then he could certainly support Plan 16 at that time.

- **Commissioner Halstead** (District10) stated the staff was distributing some maps that she wanted the Commission to consider as they look at making a decision this evening. Commissioner Halstead supports Plan 5. She would like to tell the Commission and the public why she made that decision. When the Commission looks at the map they had when they came into this, what they had in the intercity were two districts which had lost 25,000 people in total population in the past 10 years. That would suggest that there are some things going on there that they needed to take into consideration as they drew maps. When the Commission looks at Plan 16, they have the same two districts in the same location with a little flushing out around the edges make them large enough to be within the variance. They are still the smallest districts in the city and there is nothing on the horizon that is likely to change the trends that have occurred over the past 10 years. What they are seeing in downtown and near downtown is that older lower middle class neighborhoods are being wiped clean and replaced with upper middle class housing, and it changes the demographics. She suspects that the people that sit on this commission 10 years from now will look at those same two districts and say good grief; they lost 25,000 people in the past decade because of changes that are occurring in the economy. Secondly, Plan 16 draws District 3 as the largest. Yet, that was the district in the past 10 years that had grown the most. So, again, they are looking at a district they know is going to change significantly. Major development is anticipated along I-30 as soon as money is freed up. Redevelopment is anticipated along Fort Worth Avenue. They are looking at a district that is almost at 90,000 people on this map and it is very likely to be close to 100,000 people by the time someone else sits at that horseshoe 10 years from now. Plan 16 does not take into consideration areas that they know that they are expecting to have substantial growth or substantial changes in demographics. Her third issue with Plan 16 was District 7. District 7, as it was drawn, has 2 wings. One wing, as it is drawn, has South Dallas and Fair Park, which has a total population of about 20,000 people. The other wing has East Dallas and Ferguson Road areas where the population is over 60,000 people. The reason she asked staff to distribute those maps was because she thought it might be instructive for them to look at where the black population shrunk in the past 10 years and where the Hispanic population grew in the past 10 years. The Commission has a plan here that has 4 Hispanic districts on the

western half of the City of Dallas. Yet, when they look at population growth virtually all the Hispanic growth occurred east of downtown. So what they are doing is drawing a map to accommodate incumbents rather than population distribution as they have seen change in the past decade. And last but not least, she is very concerned about District 7 because as the Commission knew for the past several months it was going to be very difficult to draw 4 black districts unless they only had 4 Hispanic districts. Plan 16 has 5 and 3, but in District 7 when they look at the demographic changes District 7 has a rapidly shrinking African American population and a rapidly growing Hispanic population. The only reason that concerns her was because when that district goes from black to Hispanic in the next decade they will be down to two African American districts in the city. Once that third district is gone, it will never come back. She thinks the map was drawn to accommodate issues related to incumbency more than population distribution in the city and more than the long term interests of the city. That was why she cannot support Plan 16.

- Chair Morgan stated for the record that Commissioner Halstead had staff distribute 4 maps. One map showed change of the black population by census tract in cPlan05b and another showed the change of the Hispanic population by census tract in cPlan05b. Also, similar information was provided for cPlan16. Commissioner Halstead stated the maps showed the change in population over the decade. The darker the green the greater the growth and the darker the red the more the population has diminishing.
- **Commissioner Hord** (District 11) stated that he was in a similar position as Commissioner Griffith. On Saturday, he voted to move forward both Plans 5 and 16, but Plan 5 was his preferred option. The Commission made some changes to Plan 16 and a couple to Plan 5 as well, but he was still leaning towards Plan 5. He wanted to hear input from both the Commission and the public now that they have had to chance to see both of the plans and the changes. Commissioner Halstead's information was interesting. He is looking forward to hearing what the members of the public have to say as well. He will make his mind up after that. He is still leaning towards Plan 5 but he has not made up his mind.
- **Commissioner Wood** (District 12) stated that he was delighted that the Commission moved these two plans forward. He thinks they both offered good things, and things that need to be tweaked. As he stands now, he favors Plan 16. He stated that he has the upmost respect for the author of Plan 5, his friend Colonel Brashear. He was leaning towards Plan 16 but only because of the facts.
- **Commissioner Jones** (District 13) stated that she was basically torn. She saw things in both of the plans that she liked a lot. There are some considerations that still concerned her, especially as it relates to making sure the Commission respects the wishes of the public in keeping specific neighborhood intact and also making sure we have a balanced map at the end of the day. She stated that she also favored Mr. Betzen's Plan 3. She

thought it addressed some very good ideas to move forward. She acknowledged that of course, Plan 3 did not advanced and the Commission was not considering that plan any more. If she was asked to pick among the Commission's choices, she would favor Plan 16 over Plan 5 for various reasons. She had stated that before, but she is still concerned with the relationship between Districts 6 and 2 and also that they take care of several neighborhoods in and around Love Field appropriately and keep them intact. She asked that the Commission also respect the wishes of the number of people that have testified before this body over this last period, regarding their specific neighborhoods that now fall in some of the southern districts on Plan 16 as they are drawn. She would like to add that they are looking 10 years ahead; they are not looking 10 years behind. She stated that if they really think about this process, it has more to do with balancing than it does about anything else. The challenge they faced was that the population didn't grow that much. When they think about a population of about a million and two in total population and a growth of less than ten thousand over all, statistically it is not very significant. The changes they saw was a result of populations moving and populations changing. They have to now reconcile by taking a total number and dividing it by 14 and everything has to be equal. That is the charge that the Commission started out with. She did support keeping a number of the communities in our Southern area intact. She fought just as hard for those communities as she did for the ones in the North. She believes in community and that people don't live in an even way; people live where they choose to live. It's not for the Commission to say they shouldn't live where they live. A lot of time it's not so neat and clean where they draw lines and that became the Commission's ultimate challenge to make sure that it reconciled population, communities of interest, continuity and compactness. Each map before them represents a very good attempt at that, especially as they created a number of things that the Commission set out to do, including creating a Pleasant Grove district, keeping West Dallas intact, and that they don't destroy existing neighborhoods and that they preserve those communities of interest as they came before them.

- **Commissioner Love** (District 14) stated that he will support Plan 16 for multiple reasons. He thought it was a fair map, it was equitable, and it strived hard and diligently to keep communities of interest together. His primary reason for supporting Plan 16 was that it kept District 14 intact. He was here to represent District 14 and the desires of the residents of District 14. Plan 5 totally destroyed District 14 and their neighbors in District 2. So because it preserved Districts 2 and 14 and it took into account other communities of interest, he will be supporting plan 16.

a) Public Speakers

Assistant City Attorney Barbara McAninch read the Rules of Speaking.

- Jerry Sue Barron resides at 2507 Lazydale Dr. in District 7. She stated that she strongly supports Plan 3 even though it is no longer under consideration by the Commission. As a community member in Claremont Addition, her organization has had many successes and some challenges. One of the biggest successes is the Ferguson Road Initiative. She is concerned because the Ferguson Road Corridor is being severed in half between two districts. Ms. Barron asked the Commission to consider the strengths that the Ferguson Road community offers, as it is a strong multi-cultural community. She stated that either of these maps, specifically 16, would really hurt this community. Ms. Barron closed by asking the Commission to keep the Ferguson Road community and East Dallas strong.
- Marvin E. Crenshaw resides at 5134 Malcolm X Blvd. Mr. Crenshaw came before the Commission to state that he opposes Plans 5 and 16 because neither plan does justice to the people who live in the southern half of this city. He did not see why they have to give up a district, stating that in ten years, they will have to give up another and they will only have two. Then in another 10 years, they will only have one person, and that could happen because when people fight they do fight. They did not get here because they did not fight. Mr. Crenshaw has fought this thing since 1971 to 1988 to right now. As a result of Mr. Crenshaw fighting, everybody in Dallas benefited. Many of the people on the council could not be elected to the Dallas City Council without this struggle. Every time they struggled, they brought everybody in and they didn't try to exclude anyone. They made sure that everyone was served now that they have this, they see nothing but silence. He stated that he walked yesterday from Camp Wisdom Road and Polk Street to Interstate 20 down to Red Bird Lane, and a lady asked why they had to give up their district. Mr. Crenshaw said because nobody wanted to fight.
- Yolanda Williams resides at 919 Pindar Ave in District 5. She thanked Commissioners Hasan and Halstead for their honesty. She stated that she figured out why Pleasant Grove is so valuable now. She lives off Pemberton Hill Road, which is where she believes a new horse park will be built. Ms. Williams said that this district is all about the economic development. Ms. Williams stated that District 5 will not be a Hispanic district because she will be running in that district, and that she will win the seat. However, Ms. Williams mentioned that no one at the meeting was present to represent Pleasant Grove, and that she felt like she has been the only one, although Commissioner Brashear was here to represent District 5. Ms. Williams will continue to fight, and brought one of her seniors with her. Under the new map, her seniors are in District 8, although the Commission wanted to keep communities together, but they are taking most of the seniors away from her. How can the Commission say that they want them to be together when the Commission is separating them? How can she live in the middle of Pleasant Grove and another neighbor live by Masters Road and Bruton Road and they are in different

districts. Since Plan 16 is going forward, she asked the Commission to connect those streets back to Pleasant Grove. In closing, Ms. Williams noted that the new map will not have a black district or a Hispanic district, but a Pleasant Grove district.

- Mary Clayton resides at 6526 Lolita Drive in Pleasant Grove. She stated that if she is moved to a new district, that she already has too much trouble with her zip code. Her mail goes everywhere else but her address. She would appreciate it and begs the Commission to not change her zip code. She is sick and half the time she doesn't get her mail. She asked the Commission to not change her and let her stay with her children, who stay up the street. She stated that if the Commission changes her zip code, her mail will probably go anywhere. She would like the same zip code, which she has been there since 1970.
- Roy Williams resides at 5881 Preston View in District 11. Mr. Williams appealed to the Commission and stated he doesn't see why the African Americans have to give up a district. He said that in 2000, they gave up District 6, and noted that between 1988 and 1991 he and Mr. Crenshaw fought three years to ensure that everybody was at the table and that everybody could pick a representative for themselves. He noted that only six states were included under the 1965 Voting Rights Act; among them were Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, and Florida. Mr. Williams did not feel comfortable with either one of the final maps. He stated that if the Commission took the four African American districts and drew around them that they would have a better system. He hopes that the Commission finds the wisdom to do this, if not, they will be at the Justice Department.
- Jonathan Boardman resides at 3309 Gill St in District 7. He was here to ask that the Commission keep the Parkdale neighborhood united and in District 7. Under Plan 16 Parkdale is split. He asked that the Commission help them become reunited by bringing Parkdale back into District 7. Mr. Boardman noted that the objective is to keep District 7 a majority black district, and the small proposed change was a small land swap that involves moving boundary lines of the new District 7 from White Rock Creek over to Bisbee Drive, and move eastward along Military Parkway and south along Bisbee Dr until reaching Scyene Road. He noted that the areas south of Forney Road and Military Parkway are Hispanic populations that can be added to District 5. Mr. Boardman also noted that Plan 16 splits Parkdale at the northwest corner and removes Parkdale Lake. He noted that the Parkdale neighborhood is an example of a racially mixed area where black, brown, and white members work together on city projects along with Buckner Terrace, Parkdale Heights Neighborhood, Creekside, Ferguson Road Initiative, Fairmart and other groups in District 7. He noted that folks in Parkdale are looking forward to future projects such as the White Rock Creek Trail that will run northeast on Scyene Road to Interstate 30. In closing, Mr. Boardman stated that Parkdale is a small neighborhood that should be placed in District 7.



- Grant Galliford resides at 6202 Parkdale Dr in District 7. Mr. Galliford, the current president of Creekside at Lawnview seconded the recommendations made by Mr. Boarman. He has been on the Parkdale board for the past 7 years, and has worked very closely with Buckner Terrace and the Ferguson Road Initiative. He said that it made sense to keep Parkdale together in District 7. Mr. Galliford has lived in Parkdale for 13 years, has 3 children, and states that he has invested in that area. He listened to 3 hours of testimony on Saturday and didn't get to speak, and he would have supported Plan 3. However, he would support plan 16 with these changes.
- Elijah McGrew resides at 2829 Fordom Road in District 4. Mr. McGrew stated that his favorite thing is history, and he wanted to start off with some history, including comments from LBJ to Congress in 1965 stating that Negroes were kept from voting just because they are Negroes. He said that we must fight the crippling legacy of bigotry. Mr. McGrew said the question is how you are going to vote on African Americans and their legacy. He noted that the number two thing he wanted to talk about is the minority coalition districts or opportunity districts. Mr. McGrew said that these districts are not authorized at by the Department of Justice, as they are de facto districts that dilute black votes and the purpose of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Minority coalition districts are supposed to be minority opportunity districts, but that they are based on an assumption and an opportunity at the expense of equality. Mr. McGrew then discussed constitutional matter of under the equal protection law. He noted that as the Commission moved forward, that it should remember what the Voting Rights Act was about. Mr. McGrew addressed the regression of African American districts, which went from 5 to 4 in 2011, and is now down to 3. Mr. McGrew closed by stating that the Department of Justice sued the Census Department for using poor census numbers.
- Debbie Chitsey resides at 5847 Chapelwood Way, and has been in this one neighborhood for over 20 years. Ms. Chitsey noted that this neighborhood has always been the step child area between Interstate 30 and Ferguson in East Dallas, as they keep getting placed into another area. She urged the Commission to change the line so they could be with another community and keep our Ferguson Road Initiative together. She asked the Commission to reconsider the area between Ferguson Road and Interstate 30. Plan 16 just doesn't work for her, and she liked Plan 3, which the Commission eliminated.
- Ed Snyder resides at 8041 Fall River Dr. in District 7. Mr. Snyder spoke in support of the Ferguson Road Initiative residents, and wanted to point something out to the Commission. On Saturday August 20, 2011, the Commission took a vote on which all of the Commissioners voted for Plan 3 as the number 2 option. If the Commission had weighted the vote, Plan 3 would be here today rather than being eliminated. He asked the Commission to consider the fact that they considered it, voted for it and it had merit to be 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Mr. Snyder noted that Plan 3 is the best and

fairest plan, and is the best compromise to move forward to City Council. He said that only one plan can go forward to City Council, so send them something that they can tweak so that is fair to all. Mr. Snyder noted that he sent the Commission an email which talked about the issues he felt were relevant to the plans, but it obvious from the comments that the majority of members planned to vote for Plan 16. However, he wanted to urge the Commission to reconsider plan 3, and that the agenda allows for such a decision. He closed by urging the Commission to recommend Plan 5 at least but put the FRI area in a way it can be tweaked, and to remember far East Dallas.

- Susan Walker resides at 5820 Gardendale Dr. in District 7 and is a part of Ferguson Road Initiative, as well as president of Lakeland Hills Crime Watch. She mentioned she spoke at several of the meetings that Commissioner Garcia had mentioned previously. At the meeting she said that those that live north of I-30 would like to be in one district. The other communities Commissioner Garcia was referring to live along Garland Road, which include the Forest Hills and Little Forest Hills neighborhoods and wanted to stay in District 9 and were afraid they would get lumped into District 7. Ms. Walker wanted to use her time to protest what has happen, and stated that that Plan 3 offered the East Dallas portion of where she lives the best opportunity for its own council member, something which they have not had for some time. Ms. Walker stated that she liked Commissioner Halstead's comments because they were fair and realized that there's a part of Dallas that needs some representation and is not gerrymandered into someone else's area. This is unfair to the community which is already a coalition of races and socio-economic groups, and the Ferguson Road Initiative area is a standard by which this city should live. In closing, Ms. Walker stated that council people in Dallas should be the right person for the entire district regardless of their race, of their creed, or their religion.
- Gillian Bredienbach resides at 2124 Ash Grove Way in District 7. She expressed that Enclave in Ash Creek desired to continue to stay mapped to District 9, which covers White Rock Lake. She supported both maps 5 and 16 as long as that neighborhood gets mapped to the White Rock district. Ms. Bredienbach understood that changes are going to be made and that boundary lines could be altered, and understands this is a difficult decision for the Commission to make. She closed by asking that this neighborhood stay in District 9 and stay mapped to the White Rock district.
- Neil Emmons resides at 2525 Turtle Creek in District 14. He supported Plan 16 because it best maintains the communities of interest for Districts 2 and 14. Mr. Emmons stated that these districts are cousins in the same family of inter-city neighborhoods that have varying ethnicity and socio-economic backgrounds but share challenges of inter-city adjacencies with their homes, their biggest investments. These districts also have a number of zoning cases in which they are constantly involved. Likewise, both districts have a long history of electing neighborhood leaders to represent

them. Keeping the North Park neighborhood and Love Field in the Districts 2 and 14 family is the right thing to do. Mr. Emmons recalled his experience following the Saturday of Mayor Laura Miller's last inauguration in 2003. All the neighborhood leaders got together on Flag Day and went around the room and said to ask who was going to run for District 14 for the next eight years after Veletta Lill was term-limited in 2005. The leaders chose Angela Hunt, and they spent the next two years educating her with oral exams, and brought her up to speed on the issues. The leaders in District 14 are a tough bunch, but they make sure in their districts they have neighborhood leaders who represent them, and it has been a great relationship. We spend hundreds of unpaid hours at city hall because of all the activity in our neighborhood. Mr. Emmons closed by noting that Joyce Lockley who has lived on Wateka since 1957 when it was the only place in the north part of Dallas where African American could purchase a house would speak next about the history of Districts 2 and 14.

- Joyce Lockley resides at 4718 Wateka in District 14. She supports Plan 16, and her neighborhood is North Park Love Field. It is one of the most integrated neighborhoods in the city, is peaceful and we appreciate that. Ms. Lockley noted that her community of interest is Love Field. There are many issues with the Love Field, with all the flights that fly over our neighborhoods. Our communities have to be aware of the flight patterns of these airplanes. Ms. Lockley worked over 26 years with the members of Love Field West on the Love Field Citizen Action Committee that still meets regularly at Love Field. She noted that it would help if the two neighborhoods shared the same council person so that when they were talking about their issues they don't have to do double duty. She closed by asking the Commission to please place the east and west Love Field neighborhoods into District 2.
- Pat White resides at 4714 Wildwood Road in District 13. Ms. White lives one block away from District 14. She stated that there is a huge community of interest dominated on the west side of the Park Cities which is Love Field. Districts 2 and 14 have worked for over 25 years together on this issue. She has been Co-chair along with Rudy Longoria on the Love Field Citizens Action Committee for 15 years. The Action Committee was very instrumental in putting an end to the Wright Amendment, helped negotiate that and the first one to agree to it and shame both American Airlines and Southwest into agreeing and getting it through Congress. Ms. White noted that the districts shapes may be strange as the Commission has noted, but she said that they intertwined in a good way. Ms. White requested that the Commission put the North Park neighborhood into District 2. The North Park neighborhood is an important neighborhood that works with the neighborhoods on the west and east of the flight path, while also meeting at the airport every three months and getting updates on everything. She closed by asking the Commission to support Plan 16.

- Cynthia Durbin resides at 8436 Birchcroft Drive in District 10. She supports Plan 16 and it seemed to her that most neighborhoods supported it. She thanked the Commission for their hard work and she hopes that they have something that everyone wants.
- Bill Betzen resides at 6717 Cliffwood in District 8. He agreed with Commissioner Halstead that the right thing is to plan for the future. He stated that he tried to do that with all of his plans. Mr. Betzen noted that his district (District 8) is growing, and he tried to plan for that in what he drew. Finally, he wanted to say thank you to the Commission, as they had treated him and the public exceptionally well. You have allowed a public process to happen which makes Dallas a pioneer in redistricting. Right now Dallas is leading the country in having a public redistricting process. He hopes every Commissioner does a critique of what you have gone through so that we can use it 10 years from now to make the process even better. Mr. Betzen is looking forward to being here 10 years from now and fixing what we are not fixing right now. He closed by thanking all members of the public who came down to support Plan 3. The Commission members then thanked him for his hard work as a member of the public in providing plans and information to them.
- Rick Sheridan resides at 3022 Forest Lane in District 13. He had four items to discuss. First, that he was happy to see you fixed the wedge issue in the northwest corner of District 13. Secondly, Mr. Sheridan stated that Plan 5 has a lot of flipping. To eliminate that type of flipping the Commission should look at starting off from the center of an existing district and build around that and use that as a requirement. I think will eliminate the flipping that is so obvious in Plan 5. Thirdly, Mr. Sheridan supported Plan 16 except for Districts 14, 2 and 7 that look gerrymandered because they violate compactness. He thinks that needs to be addressed if it can. Finally, Mr. Sheridan has become color blind to the process and that's a good thing, and that it would be very interesting to see a redistricting map looking towards the future with all the requirements met, except for color or race. He closed by thanking the Commission for its work.
- Roxan Staff resides at 6964 Tokalon Dr in District 9. 10 years ago she made a mistake by supporting the present form of District 2. She stated that she wouldn't recommend that for anyone, as the map is solely for gerrymandering. Ms. Staff acknowledged that she is an old timer, as are a lot of the other speakers. However, there is a reason why they are old timers, because they kind of take control of those associations and keep it like it was to for 30 years. She hopes that the Commission will take a new approach that would make a compact district, so that when she is a councilmember or whoever is a council person, they can have one meeting in a district not one on the east and one on the west side of town. Ms. Staff mentioned folks in the M streets only care about Love Field in terms of how to get there, and what neighborhood one drives through. The west side is not interested in DISD, but the east side is DISD. So when you hear

community of interest thrown out there, take a look and see if it is somebody my age saying it. Ms. Staff said that she is struggling to keep District 6 together, and she is often the only person there.

The Chair called for a 15 minute break that began at 7:58pm. The meeting was called back into order at 8:15pm by the Chair.

4. Commission Discussion and Consideration to Give Directions to Staff on Modifying Plans Moved Forward

- Commissioner Brashear asked the Chair why the Commission cannot send more than one map to the council. Assistant City Attorney McAninch read the Dallas City Charter noting that the Commission shall present a plan, which implies only one plan, should be submitted to the City Council. Commissioner Griffith asked would that preclude the Commission from sending an alternate recommendation. Assistant City Attorney McAninch stated that as long as there is a recommended plan, certainly there could be perhaps a minority opinion providing an alternate for the council, but that the Charter requires that a recommended plan be submitted by the Commission.
- Motion: Commissioner Loza moved that the Chair ask each Commissioner if they have modifications to Plan 5, and then proceed to ask the same question regarding modifications to plan 16. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano.

- Ayes: 15
- Nays: 0

The motion passed unanimously.

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- Motion: Commissioner Jones moved that staff investigate and report back on the impact of moving the area bordered by Silverton Drive, Dennis Road, Brockbank and Royal Lane currently in District 6 back into District 13. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood.

- Ayes: 15
- Nays: 0

The motion passed unanimously.

- Motion: Commissioner Halstead moved that staff investigate and report back on putting the Buckner Terrace area bounded by Scyene, Jim Miller, Buckner and Bruton back together into District 7. To balance the plan, the area bounded by the Texas Railroad, Bruton Road, Jim Miller and Lake June be moved into District 1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brashear.

- Ayes: 15
- Nays: 0

The motion passed unanimously.

- No other Commissioner had modifications to Plan 5.

#### cPlan16

Demographer Lindsay Kramer reviewed cPlan16c Option 1. Staff made three changes to bring Plan 16c into the appropriate deviation range and change some minor boundary errors. The first change was putting an area along Harry Hines Boulevard into District 2 that had a population of eight people. The second change corrected the border between Districts 9 and 10 to avoid splitting an apartment building. To correct that issue, staff assigned everything in the apartment complex into District 10. The area had a population of 273 people, but it did not alter the deviation or ethnic make-up of those districts. The final change was made to correct for total deviation in Districts 5 and 7. The areas bounded by Pleasant Drive, Military Parkway, Prairie Creek Road and Scyene Road had 423 people were moved to District 7, which reduced the population deviation to 9.13%.

- Motion: Commissioner Garcia moved to accept the modifications as outlined by the staff on cPlan16c Option 1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Loza.
  - Ayes: 15
  - Nays: 0

The motion passed unanimously.

- Motion: Commissioner Garcia moved to replace cPlan16c with cPlan16c Option1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Loza.
  - Ayes: 15
  - Nays: 0

The motion passed unanimously.

- Motion: Commissioner Loza moved that in cPlan16c Option 1 that the motion he made at the Saturday, August 20, 2011 meeting to place North Park Love Field into District 2 be reversed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano. After Commission discussion, Commissioner Lozano withdrew his second and consequently Commissioner Loza withdrew his motion.
- Motion: Commissioner Hasan moved that the staff investigate and provide information on the area bounded by Pemberton Hill, Elam Road, Ledbetter and Jim Miller currently in District 8 being moved into District 5. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ratcliff.
  - No vote was taken, but the Commission requested staff to present the demographic information.

- Commissioner Griffith stated to the Commission that he would like to see the area in cPlan16c Option 1 bounded by Ferguson Road and Oates currently in District 7 moved back to District 9. Commissioner Griffith stated that there are about 2,000 people in that area. Commissioner Mays stated that if Commissioner Griffith's numbers are correct that staff can take a look at putting Parkdale Heights back into District 7.
- Motion: Commissioner Mays moved that staff investigate and provide information on the impact of moving the areas in District 7 north of Oates and Ferguson Road into District 9 as requested by Commissioner Griffith, and moving Parkdale Heights from District 5 to District 7. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ratcliff.
  - Ayes: 15
  - Nays: 0
 The motion passed unanimously.
- Motion: Commissioner Ratcliff moved that the area bounded by Camp Wisdom Road, Love Freeway (I-67), and Polk Street currently in District 4 be added back into District 3. The move can be balanced by adding the area bounded by Chalk Hill Road, Interstate 30, and the Dallas City Limits currently in District 3 into District 6. Also, to balance school districts the area bounded by Wheatland Road, Cockrell Hill Road, and Kenwood Street to Camp Wisdom Road be placed into District 3. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mays.
- There was a parliamentary discussion as to whether this was a motion to reconsider an action taken at the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, but the Chair ruled that this motion did not involve exactly the same area, and therefore was not a motion to reconsider, but a new motion for consideration by the Commission.
  - Ayes: 3
  - Nays: 12

The motion failed (Commissioners Garcia, Sherman, Brashear, Lozano, Hasan, Griffith, Halstead, Hord, Wood, Jones, Love, and the Chair voted against the motion).

- The Chair called for a 15 minute break that began at 9:41pm while staff worked on the modifications to cPlan16c Option 1 and cPlan 5 requested by the Commission. The meeting resumed at 9:56pm.
- Demographer Lindsay Kramer reviewed cPlan16d Option 1, cPlan16d Option 2, cPlan16d Option 3 and cPlan16d, Option 4. cPlan16d Option 1 incorporated Commissioner Jones' amendment. It changed the total population deviation from 9.31% to 9.21%. The plan retains the 8 minority districts and 1 minority coalition district. cPlan16d Option 2 incorporates Commissioner Hasan's amendments in addition to Commissioner Jones' amendment. The total

population deviation remains at 9.21%, and it retains the 8 minority districts and 1 minority coalition district. cPlan16d Option 3 incorporates just half of the motion made by Commissioner Mays that puts the area north of Oates Drive into District 9. This put the deviation at 11.42% outside the allowable range, but it does retain 8 minority districts and 1 minority coalition district. Option 4 adds Commissioner Mays request to add Parkdale to District 7, and the total population deviation goes back to 9.21%, and it remains 8 minority districts and 1 coalition. cPlan05 was modified to incorporate the amendment made by Commissioner Halstead to unify Buckner Terrace and the adjustment by Commissioner Jones to District 13. The deviation was 9.48% and it remains at 8 minority seats and 1 minority coalition district.

- Motion: Commissioner Halstead moved to adopt the changes to cPlan05. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Love
  - Ayes: 15
  - Nays: 0The motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Hord moved to adopt cPlan16d Option 1, which included Commissioner Jones' amendment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones.
  - Ayes: 15
  - Nays: 0The motion passed unanimously.
- Motion: Commissioner Hasan moved to adopt cPlan16d Option 2 which included Commissioner Jones' and Commissioner Hasan's amendments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ratcliff.
  - Ayes: 13
  - Nays: 2The motion passed (Commissioners Garcia and Love voted against the motion).
- Motion: Commissioner Mays moved to adopt cPlan16d Option 3 and cPlan16d Option 4. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Griffith.
  - Ayes: 14
  - Nays: 1The motion passed (Commissioner Garcia voted against the motion).

The staff demographer gave a presentation regarding voter precincts that are split in each plan under consideration.

- Motion: Commissioner Loza moved that maps will be accepted as drawn with precincts as split. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood.
  - Ayes: 15
  - Nays: 0



The motion passed unanimously.

5. Commission Vote to Approve One Plan for Submission to the Mayor by the Commission

- Motion: Commissioner Mays moved that cPlan16d be moved forward to the Mayor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Love.

A roll call vote was taken:

Commissioner Garcia voted Yes.  
Commissioner Loza voted Yes.  
Commissioner Sherman voted Yes.  
Commissioner Ratcliff voted Yes.  
Commissioner Brashear voted No.  
Commissioner Lozano voted Yes.  
Commissioner Mays voted Yes.  
Commissioner Hasan voted Yes.  
Commissioner Griffith voted Yes.  
Commissioner Halstead voted No.  
Commissioner Hord voted No.  
Commissioner Wood voted Yes.  
Commissioner Jones voted Yes.  
Commissioner Love voted Yes.  
Commissioner Morgan voted No.

The motion passed: 11-4

- Motion: Commissioner Griffith moved that cPlan05 be sent to the Mayor along with the recommended plan that has already been adopted for informational purposes. Commissioner Sherman offered an amendment to send wPlan03 along with cPlan05. After Commission discussion, Commissioner Griffith chose not to amend his motion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brashear.

A roll call vote was taken:

Commissioner Brashear voted Yes.  
Commissioner Garcia voted No.  
Commissioner Griffith voted Yes.  
Commissioner Halstead voted Yes.  
Commissioner Hasan voted No.  
Commissioner Hord voted No.  
Commissioner Jones voted Yes.  
Commissioner Love voted No.  
Commissioner Loza voted No.  
Commissioner Lozano voted No.  
Commissioner Mays voted No.

Commissioner Morgan voted No.  
Commissioner Ratcliff voted No.  
Commissioner Sherman voted Yes.  
Commissioner Wood voted Yes.

The motion failed: 6-9

- Commissioner Brashear stated he will be submitting a minority report as the maker of Plan 5.
6. Staff Updates
- Project Manger Tolliver thanked the Commission for their service, which totaled more than 95 hours of meetings since February. She invited the Commission to attend the September 7, 2011 council briefing in support of the Chair and Vice-Chair as they present the final proposed plan to the Mayor and Council. She also reminded the Commissioners that the mapping software must be removed from their computers, and asked the Commissioners to call the Redistricting Office and set up an appointment. She will let the Commissioner's know what time the briefing will begin closer to the meeting date.
7. Discussion of Legal Issues at Close of Commission's Work
- Assistant City Attorney McAninch thanked the Commissioners for their service to the city. She informed Commissioners that an approved set of minutes for the meeting must be submitted to the Department of Justice. Since the Commission will not be having any more meetings, staff will email the minutes to the Commission. She asked Commissioners to email back any corrections to the minutes. If there are no corrections to the minutes, she asked that they reply approval of the minutes via email. The minutes will probably be emailed on August 25 or August 26.

Assistant City Attorney McAninch reminded Commissioners that they are not eligible for a place on the city council in the next general election. They may not be appointed or elected to the city council or any other official board or commission of the city for a period of one year after serving on this Commission. They cannot bring any litigation against the city with regard to any matter that was a part of their official duties. She informed the Commissioners that their packet includes the Officer Liability plan. If any of them are sued in regards to redistricting, they have three business days to let the city know about it, or they may jeopardize the indemnity from the city. Chris Bowers is the First Assistant City Attorney and is the person any lawsuit or subpoena would need to be sent to. Cooperation with the city and attendance at any hearings or trials is needed for city indemnification. All of that is set forth in your packets, so please read the entire indemnity plan for details.

Commissioner Loza requested a standing ovation for the city redistricting staff, and the Commission gave the staff a standing ovation in appreciation of their work.

The Commissioners then brought up a discussion about the Ethics Code grievances brought against the Commission. The City Attorney said they are not covered by the indemnity plan which covers lawsuits and litigation. The Commission believes this is a flaw in the Ethics Code process.

- Motion: Commissioner Garcia moved that the Chair include in her report to the Mayor and the Council make a request that in the future that any member of a board, serving as a nonpaid member of the board including the Redistricting Commission, has an ethics complaint filed against them; if the city attorney's office has a conflict, that outside counsel be retained and hired to represent any such board appointee that has a grievance filed against them in conformity with the indemnification plan we have if we get sued

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ratcliff.

o Ayes: 15

Nays: 0

The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission also suggested that in addition the City look at the process to review the ethics charges to even see if there is a valid claim, and if not, the charge be thrown out before the hearing stage.

8. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 11:36pm.

  
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COMMISSION ADMINISTRATOR

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