



Redistricting Commission City of San José MINUTES

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6:00 PM

Thursday, August 19, 2021

Present: Sylvia Alvarez (6:19), Enedina Cardenas, Daisy Castro, Gloria Collins, Andrew Ditlevsen (6:02), Ramon Martinez, Freddie W. Sidbury Jr., Lenka Wright

Absent: Jonathan Bruns, B J Fadem

Staff: Megan Roche, Legislative Secretary; Toni J. Taber, City Clerk; Mark Vanni, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Kimi Shigetani, Redistricting Partners

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Sidbury, the Commission moved to accept the Orders of the Day. (7-0-3; Absent: Alvarez, Bruns, Fadem)

II. Public Record- None

III. Consent Calendar

a) Approve Redistricting Commission Minutes.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Ditlevsen and seconded by Commissioner Wright, the Commission moved to adopt the Redistricting Commission minutes from July 15, 2021 and August 7, 2021. (6-0-3-1; Absent: Alvarez, Bruns, Fadem)

Public Comment: None

IV. Reports & Information

a. Report from Chair

Vice Chair Cardenas announced that the Commission has begun holding public hearings on communities of interest in each Council district. The meetings are being held a hybrid format where commissioners and members of the public may attend either in person or virtually. Vice Chair Cardenas highlighted that members of the public may attend any of the public hearings, including meetings that are held outside of one's own district. It was also announced that the Census Bureau released Census

data on August 12, 2021.

b. Report from Clerk

City Clerk Toni Taber discussed current and future outreach efforts for the Redistricting Commission. She also reviewed the schedule for upcoming communities of interest public hearings on August 21, September 11, and September 18, 2021. Ms. Taber noted that the hearing for District 6 must be rescheduled because of the lack of quorum on August 7, 2021. The District 6 public hearing possibly may be rescheduled for 5 p.m. on September 18, 2021 or on an alternate date, depending on if any other districts' hearings will require rescheduling as well.

c. Report from Consultant- None.

Public Comment: None

V. Public Hearing- None

VI. Old Business

a) Communities of Interest.

City Clerk Toni Taber discussed this item during the Report from Clerk.

Public Comment: None

VII. New Business

VIII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

Senior Deputy City Attorney Mark Vanni discussed his memorandum which detailed the projected timeline for the Redistricting Commission. His memorandum was approved to adjust the deadline for the Redistricting Commission to submit its report and recommendations by November 18, 2021. Consultant Kimi Shigetani of Redistricting Partners announced that the Commission can expect to receive the final data from the statewide database by an estimate of late September 2021. After a mandatory 21-day waiting period, demographers from Redistricting Partners will begin to draft potential maps. The Commission discussed scheduling for future meetings and will plan for maintaining availability on all Thursday evenings between September 16, 2021 and November 4, 2021.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Ditlevsen and seconded by Commissioner Alvarez, the Commission moved to permanently switch the start time of their regular meetings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (7-1-2; Noes: Collins; Absent: Bruns, Fadem)

Public Comment: Paul Soto urged the Commission to serve the needs of all constituencies that live within San José and to have conversations on equity which pay

respect to the historical injustices that Chicanos have endured. Tessa Woodmansee called for the permanent virtualization of public meetings in order to mitigate the City's contribution to the climate crisis. Blair Beekman emphasized the importance of open public processes with regard to the City's publicly held meetings and minutes process.

The next regular meeting of the Redistricting Commission is scheduled for September 16, 2021 and the next two public hearings will be held on August 21, 2021.

VIII. Public Comment/Open Forum

1. Paul Soto stated that the City's Charter was predicated on the decapitation of Native Americans and undemocratic processes.
2. Tessa Woodmansee called for an end to "business as usual" growth and development, urged developers to give land back, and also set a goal of zero fossil fuel emissions.
3. Blair Beekman hoped that the Redistricting Commission will continue the Charter Review Commission's work to oppose a targeted path towards redevelopment, and also warned of an upcoming natural disaster.

X. Adjournment

The Commission adjourned at 6:52 p.m.