

# Suggested Principles for the Process of Redistricting City Wards and Park Districts

**Revision #1 - ~~strikeout is deleted language, underline is new language, \*has agreement, \*\*new material~~**

1. ~~Begin, expedite, and c~~ Complete the Redistricting process immediately as soon as practicable after the legislature has completed its reapportionment process.

\*2. All members of the Minneapolis Charter Commission and the Advisory Group will serve as the Redistricting Group and will redistrict the Minneapolis 13 Wards and the six Park Districts.

3. All work on redistricting will be done in open meetings with the time, date and location of the meetings listed on the city of Minneapolis web site. Reach out to potential interested individuals and organizations who may be interested in redistricting and if they are interested in the process of redistricting include and inform every person or organization that wants to be involved in the redistricting process by notifying them of all the r Redistricting g Group meetings and material used by the group. Individuals and organizations interested in redistricting prior to the beginning of the redistricting process will continue to be informed about any meetings or information on redistricting. Use the city's email service to send information to individuals or organizations.

4. ~~Use~~ Obtain the City Attorney's office and other city resources as soon as the Advisory Group has been appointed to: A. prepare documents setting out the requirements and timelines for redistricting , ~~for~~ B. spelling out the requirements that redistricting plans must avoid discrimination against racial or language minorities and must not violate the Equal Protection Clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the federal Constitution and Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, and C. prepare any other legal documents that are needed or requested by the r Redistricting g Group while redistricting the 13 Wards in Minneapolis and the six Park Districts.

~~15.~~ 5. The r Redistricting g Group will seek obtain financial assistance from the City Council to fund the redistricting process and will seek the use of the City Clerk's office, the City Elections office, the City Attorney, the City's Communications department, the City's GIS department, and the Planning Department. The Redistricting Group will prepare a budget to redistrict the City's Wards and Park Districts as soon as possible. (old number 15)

\*5. 6. Follow the City Charter's requirements outlined in Chapter 1, Section 3 and Chapter 16, Section 1.

~~6.~~ 7. As soon as possible after the Advisory Group is formed, the Redistricting Group will H hold two city wide meetings, early in the redistricting process in

different parts of the city to explain the process that the Redistricting Group will follow while redistricting the for citizen input into the redistricting process for City Wards and Park Districts.

\*\*8. The Redistricting Group will write rules that it will follow to redistrict the Wards and Park Districts. After writing the rules, but before final adoption of the rules, the Group will hold a public hearing on the rules. The Group will review the public input before adopting the final rules for redistricting.

~~7. 9. Because the Charter Commission is a non-partisan body appointed by the Chief Judge of the District Court and the Advisory Group will be appointed on a non-partisan basis by the Charter Commission, all Charter Commissioners and members of the Advisory Group will participate in redistricting on a non-partisan basis. Members of the Commission and the Advisory Group will encourage persons or organizations that bring ideas on redistricting to them in private, to bring those ideas to the Redistricting Group at an open meeting. If the person or organization can not attend an open meeting of the Redistricting Group, then the member of the Commission or the Advisory Group could bring the idea to the Redistricting Group at an open meeting and explain from where the idea came. bring to the meetings of the redistricting group, for open discussion, any private requests, suggestions, or ideas, made by any person(s) or any organization(s) for changes in the redistricting process or maps.~~

~~8. 10. Charter Commissioners and Advisory The Redistricting Group members will represent all the citizens of Minneapolis and will do their very best to put aside their personal biases or interests while redistricting the City Wards and Park Districts. They will not represent any City Council or Park Board incumbent, political parties, political philosophy, potential candidates for the City Council or Park Commissioner in a Park District, special interests, ethnic or cultural interests, neighborhood groups, business neighborhood groups, neighborhood park board associations, persons or organizations doing or planning to do business with the City of Minneapolis or the Park and Recreation Board.—~~

~~9. \*11. Advisory Group members shall bring added diversity to the redistricting group.~~

~~10. 12. All work on redistricting will be done in open meetings with the time, date and location of the meetings listed on the city of Minneapolis web site. Proper notice will be given for each meeting on redistricting.~~

~~11. 13. Advisory Group members will be integrated with the Charter Commission members and as the Redistricting Group they will sit with the Charter Commissioners and work together on all aspects of redistricting. All Any votes on any aspect of redistricting will be done by the Charter Commissioners only Redistricting Group except for the approval of the final plan. The final Ward plan to be filed with the City Clerk and the final Park Board district plan to be filed with the Park Board must be approved by a majority of the Charter~~

Commissioners present at a duly called Charter Commission meeting.-

~~12.~~ 14. The Redistricting Group will keep ~~city appointed neighborhoods, neighborhood business groups, and neighborhood park board associations~~ communities of interest in one Ward whenever possible.

~~13.~~ The ~~redistricting group will keep incumbent Council members and Park Board members in their respective Wards or Park Districts whenever possible.~~

~~14.~~ \*15. The Redistricting Group will change the boundaries of the Wards or Park Districts as little as possible.

\*16. The Redistricting Group will hire non-partisan staff to use redistricting software to draw maps for the Group.

\*17. The Redistricting Group will first draft the new Wards and then draft the new Park Districts.

18. After preparing a first tentative redistricting map for both the City Wards and the Park Districts, the Redistricting Group will hold at least two citywide meetings for citizens input. After the meetings, the Redistricting Group will review the testimony of the citizens and shall consider changes ~~in~~ to the first tentative redistricting map.

19. Upon completion of a City Ward and Park District second and tentatively final redistricting map approved by the ~~Charter Commission~~ Redistricting Group, the ~~redistricting~~ Group shall publish the maps as a legal notice for at least 7 days and then hold at least three citywide meetings for citizens input. Neighborhoods delineated by the City's Planning Department shall be solicited for input too. The Redistricting Group will also inform the Park and Recreation Board of the new Park Board districts. After the public meetings and input from the Neighborhoods, the Redistricting Group will review the new testimony of the citizens and shall consider any final changes to the map ~~approved by the Charter Commission~~. In addition, the Redistricting Group will review any recommendations made by the Park and Recreation Board relating to the redistricting of the Park Districts.

\*20. Upon final approval of the Minneapolis Ward redistricting plan by a majority of the Charter Commissioners, the Commission will file the plan with the Minneapolis City Clerk. If the District Court returns the plan to the Charter Commission because the plan was found improper, the Redistricting Group shall convene immediately and revise the plan and again, after approval by a majority of the Charter Commissioners, the Commission shall submit it to the Minneapolis City Clerk.

\*21. Upon final approval of the Minneapolis Park District redistricting plan by a majority of the Charter Commissioners, the Commission will file the plan with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and the Minneapolis City Clerk. If the

District Court returns the plan to the Charter Commission because the plan was found improper, the Redistricting Group shall convene immediately and revise the plan and again, after approval by a majority of the Charter Commissioners, the Commission shall file it with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and the Minneapolis City Clerk.