

Possible Amendments to the Minneapolis' Redistricting Charter section drafted from the focus group discussion.

On The Make up and Selection of the Redistricting Commission (RC)

- ~~1) The City Council should have no direct appointment to the RC.~~
- ~~2) Each Council member and the Mayor shall submit one name for nomination.~~
- 3) Major Parties, as defined by state law, or any party with at least one person endorsed or nominated by the party elected to (or who received x% in an election for) the City Council, State legislature, Park Board or School Board, shall submit no more than 5 nominees.
- 4) There shall be no less than one member of each major political party, as defined by state law, or any party with at least one person endorsed or nominated by the party elected to (or who received x% in an election for) the City Council, State legislature, Park Board or School Board appointed to the RC.
- 5) Less than 50% of RC members should represent any political party
- ~~6) No Political Party shall make up a majority of the commission.~~
- 7) The Notifications/Announcement for nominations shall be made at least 90 days prior to the Charter Commission decision.
- 8) Notification of nominations shall be sent to neighborhood organizations, community focused non-profit organizations, posted on the City website and in as many community newspapers as possible
- 9) [On hold] The RC shall have no fewer than 7 and no more that 11 members and have an odd number of total members.
- 10) In electing the RC the charter Commission share place value on an overall make up that reflects the make up of the City.
- 11) Require that the RC membership meets certain geographic ~~and/or~~ racial/ethnic diversity.

On The Process

- 1) The RC can be put in place and start public outreach before the official start of its work drafting plans.
- 2) The RC shall hold at least one public hearing in each ward prior to adoption of the plan.
- 3) The RC shall encourage public submission of redistricting plans.
- 4) The RC will hold at least two additional city-wide public hearings, at least one of which is reserved for review of the final proposed plan.
- 5) A copy of the final plan must be posted 15 days before the hearing set to talk comments on the final plan. The plan must include:
 - a) A detailed proposed plan including a map showing each Ward, Park and School district and the voting age population by race of each district

- b) A description of all redistricting plans submitted by the public
- c) An explanation of why other proposed were rejected.
- d) A statement explaining why the boundaries were drawn as they were and how the adoption of the plan meets the criteria establish and will best serve the public.
- e) Any dissenting statements of any RC members
- f) Information on how to submit public comments on the plan to the RC
- 6) If, in response to public comments or for any other reason, the RC amends its plan or drafts a new plan, the RC shall again provide notice and solicit comment regarding the new plan pursuant to number 4), above
- 7) The final plan requires a 2/3rd affirmative vote of the RC for passage.
- 8) If the RC cannot reach a decision the Charter Commission shall make the final decision according to its rules.
- 9) The Charter Commission has the final vote on the plan.

On the Basis of the Decision

- 1) Continuity
 - 2) Compactness
 - 3) Minority representation (districts should not dilute strength of racial or language minorities)
 - 4) Preserving (or consistency with) other political subdivisions (including neighborhoods)
 - 5) Incumbent (neutrality)
- Of lesser consideration**
- a) Preserving Communities of interest
 - b) Political Competitiveness
 - c) Change the existing map as little as possible