

Potential Rules for the Redistricting Group

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* changes made after the Jan. 13th meeting to be considered

***General Rules**

1. Meetings of the Redistricting Group will be governed by applicable law, the Minneapolis City Charter, these Rules and Robert's Rules of Order, as most recently revised.

2. The Chair of the Charter Commission shall be the chair of the Redistricting Group. If the Chair is not present, the Vice Chair of the Charter Commission shall serve instead. If the Vice Chair is not present, the Redistricting Group shall elect a temporary chair for that specific meeting.

3. A quorum shall consist of the majority of the Redistricting Group except for public hearings. If a meeting, other than a public hearing, is held and there is not a quorum present, the Redistricting Group may meet as a subcommittee and the work of the Group's subcommittee shall stand for approval at the next meeting of the Group when a quorum is present.

4. A member of the Redistricting Group wishing to speak shall address the Chair and when recognized by the Chair shall have the opportunity to speak.

5. When a vote is being taken and the Chair is in doubt, the Chair may ask for a show of hands to determine the vote. Any member of the Redistricting Group may ask for a show of hands on any vote if the member is unclear on the outcome of the vote.

6. The Chair shall prepare an agenda for each meeting. The Redistricting Group may change the agenda by a majority vote of the members present and voting.

7. Once these rules are adopted by the Redistricting Group, they may be suspended or amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of all the members of the Redistricting Group.

~~15~~ 8. Upon adoption of the Rules, the Redistricting Group shall hold two (2) citywide public meetings to explain and discuss the Redistricting process the Group will follow.

~~16~~ 9. Members of the Redistricting Group shall represent the citizens of Minneapolis and shall do their very best to put aside their personal biases or interests while redistricting City Wards and other city election districts.

10. The Chair shall appoint three members from the Redistricting Group to serve as an Operations Committee. The Operations Committee shall be responsible for hiring staff and serving as a liaison with the city staff. The Chair of the Redistricting Group shall chair the Operations Committee.

9 11. The Redistricting Group shall use all appropriate means, including the Minneapolis Web site and other electronic media to communicate with the public.

*~~40~~12 . During the process of redistricting, the Redistricting Group shall <_____> ~~consider~~ the “Recommended Principles for Redistricting Minneapolis Wards and Park Districts after the 2010 Census”, as adopted by the Charter Commission on October 6, 2010.

*13. All members of the Minneapolis Charter Commission and the Advisory Group will serve as the Redistricting Group and will create first drafts of redistricting maps and ~~tentative~~ the proposed redistricting maps for Minneapolis City Wards, the Park and Recreation Districts, and other election districts.

14 . All meetings of the Redistricting Group, whether working meetings or citywide public hearings, shall be open meetings to the public and the public shall be noticed through the Minneapolis city’s website. All Neighborhood organizations recognized by the Minneapolis City Planning department shall be notified of all Group meetings. If specific individuals or organizations request to be notified of Group meetings, the City Clerk’s office will send electronic notices to them.

~~17~~ 15. All votes on any aspect of redistricting shall be done in open meetings of the Redistricting Group, except for the approval of the final redistricting map which will be done in an open meeting of the Minneapolis Charter Commission.

*~~44~~ 16. The Redistricting Group shall ~~to~~ redistrict the city Wards, the Park and Recreation districts, and any other election districts at the same time. Once the first draft of all the redistricting plans for the city Wards, the Park and Recreation districts, and any other election districts have been completed, the Redistricting Group will hold ~~five (5)~~ three (3) citywide hearings for public input, ~~before the adoption of the final redistricting maps by the Charter Commission.~~ The Redistricting Group will consider the public comments while drafting the proposed redistricting maps. Once the proposed redistricting maps are completed, the Redistricting Group will hold A at least two (2) of the citywide public meetings hearings will be held for the purpose of reviewing the ~~tentative~~ (proposed) redistricting plans and securing the public’s input. The Redistricting Group will consider the public comments while drafting the final redistricting maps that will be submitted to the Minneapolis Charter Commission for approval.

~~42~~ 17. The Redistricting Group and the Advisory Group will dissolve once the redistricting of the 13 Minneapolis Wards, the six Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board’s districts, and any other election districts for which the Groups are responsible are completed, unless the court requires the districts to be redrawn.