

Based on the Principles of Redistricting, this is a Possible
Timetable
October, 2010

The Committee started out wanting to know a possible timeline. Jan Sandberg and I got some information on the state timeline and developed a incomplete timeline. Now that the Principles are being recommended to the Charter Commission, here is a possible timeline, if the charter amendment passes and if the Principles are approve as recommended. The dates chosen are just dates that came out of my mind. They can be completely different. In addition, the possible timeline needs to be reviewed by the City Attorney for accuracy and everything depends upon when the State Legislature finishes reapportioning the state. So, everything you read below can be changed, is dependent upon the City Attorney's review and approval , and the State Legislature's actions.

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1. January 2011 - Charter Commission or a committee of the Commission will begin to write a job description for persons serving on the Advisory Group and an application form which prospective persons wanting to serve on the Advisory Group will need to complete.
2. February 2011 - Charter Commission or a committee of the Commission will hold a public meeting on the proposed job description and the application form for persons wanting to serve on the Advisory Group.
3. February 2011 - Charter Commission or a committee of the Commission will review the public testimony on the proposed job description and the application form for persons wanting to serve on the Advisory Group and draft a final job description and application form for Charter Commission approval
4. March 2011 - Usually the City of Minneapolis and State of Minnesota will get the official 2010 Census results between Jan. and Mar. 2011.
5. March 2011 - Charter Commission will review the proposed job description and the application form for persons wanting to serve on the Advisory Group, amend and approve the job description and application form.
6. March 15, 2011 - Using the city's website and other means, open the application process for the potential members for the Advisory Group.
7. April 2011 - Charter Commission or a committee of the Commission will be appointed to review all applications for the Advisory Group.
8. April 30, 2011 - Close the application process for potential members of the Advisory Group
9. May 2011 - Charter Commission or a committee of the Commission will begin

reviewing all applications for the Advisory Group.

10. May 21, 2011 - Usually the State of Minnesota completes reappointment of Congressional and State Legislative District by the end of the 2011 session which is the third week in May, or if there is a special session sometime during 2011. If there is lawsuit filed against the reapportioned districts, then the lawsuit must be completed quickly. The Legislature has until Feb. 12, 2012 according to Minnesota Redistricting Timetable to finally act on the reapportionment. **Under state law the redistricting of Minneapolis can not begin until the State Legislature has completed its reapportionment.**

11. June 2011 - Charter Commission choose the members of the Advisory Group.

12. June 2011 - An orientation meeting with the Charter Commissioners and the Advisory Group (now the Redistricting Group) will be held and the City Attorney will be asked to brief the Redistricting Group on its duties. If the State Legislature finishes its reapportionment, the Redistrict can begin actually drawing lines, but the process in the Principles will slow down the actual drawing of lines.

13. June 2011 - Redistricting Group will begin to draft the rules and the process it will use to redistrict the city Wards and the Park Districts. In addition, the Redistricting Group will develop a list of persons or organizations that are interested in redistricting and will notify them of the meetings of the Redistricting Group.

14. July 2011 - The Redistricting Group will hold two citywide meetings in different parts of the city to explain and discuss the proposed rules process the Group plans to use to redistrict. In addition the Group will hold a public hearing on the rules.

15. July 2011 - The Redistricting Group will review the public's comments on the rules and then will write and approve the final rules to follow while redistricting.

16. August 2011 - The Redistricting Group will ask the City Attorney for Federal requirements and City Charter requirements for redistricting. The City Attorney will be asked to prove a timeline that redistricting must be completed and any other suggestions that the Group should know.

17. August 2011 - The Redistricting Group should develop a budget for the redistricting process, seek the City staff it needs from the City Council and if the State Legislature has finished reapportioning the state, hire a non-partisan computer person to help draft the new districts.

18. September 2011 - The Redistricting Group begins drafting new boundaries if the State Legislature has completed reapportionment.

19. October 2011 - The Redistricting Group agrees on a first draft redistricting map for Wards. If possible, it will do the same thing for Park Districts.

20. October 2011 - The Group will hold two citywide hearings to receive citizens' input on the first draft redistricting map of Wards and possible Park Districts.

21. November 2011 - The Redistricting Groups uses the citizens' input and agrees on a proposed redistricting map.

22. November 2011 - The Ward map is published in a legal newspaper and at least 7 days before the Group hold three citywide public hearings on the proposed redistricting map. If possible the Group will have Wards and Park District maps completed for the hearings. If the proposed redistricting map for Park Districts has been completed, it will be submitted to the Park Board, according to the City Charter, for the Park Boards' comments.

23. December 2011 - The Redistricting Group will draft a final map based on the citizens' input from the three public meetings. Upon approval of the Group, the final map will be submitted to the Charter Commission for final approval.

24. January 2012 - The Charter Commission reviews and approves the final map. The Ward map is filed with the City Clerk and the Park District map is filed with the Park District.

Other Dates

1. Filing for office by State and Federal candidates will begin on June 5, 2012 and the districts must be reapportioned by that date.

2. The Primary election will be Aug. 14, 2012.

3. The General election will be Nov. 6, 2012.

4. The City Charter requires:

A. In the year ending in two (2012), new Ward boundaries will be drawn.

B. The next City Council and Park Board elections will be held in 2013.

C. Filings for City Council and Park Board will be about July 2013. The City Wards will need to be redistricted by the opening day of filings. The Park Districts need to be redistricted no later than 14 days prior to the opening day of filings

D. The General Election will be about Nov. 2013. Because of rank choice voting, there would be no primary election for these offices.