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From: John Ferman <johnferman@jphouse.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 10:33 AM
To: Barry Clegg; Redistricting2012
Subject: Re: [Mpls] Update on Redistricting in Minneapolis

Ward 5 is too large and wards 7 and 9 are too small. Your target should be to equalize ward populations to within a reasonable deviation of +/- 250 people.

Sent from my iPad
John Ferman
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From: Glidden, Elizabeth A.
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 1:25 PM
To: John Ferman; Menshek, Peggy Y
Subject: RE: [Mpls] Update on Redistricting in Minneapolis

Jack = I'm forwarding your comment to the clerk for the redistricting/charter commission, as I don't have any say or decision making authority in this. She will forward to that body.

Thanks,
Elizabeth

Elizabeth Glidden
Eighth Ward Councilmember
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From: John Ferman [<mailto:johnferman@iphouse.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 12:40 PM
To: Glidden, Elizabeth A.
Subject: Fwd: [Mpls] Update on Redistricting in Minneapolis

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Begin forwarded message:

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From: Piehl, David <David.Piehl@unilever.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 12:14 PM
To: Redistricting2012
Subject: Do Not put Central Neighborhood in the 9th ward

I strongly believe that by lumping all of the "high maintenance" neighborhoods in south Minneapolis together as the 9th ward, what you will really be doing is creating an identifiable ghetto, like in New Orleans and other major cities. Other standards can easily be applied to such areas since it offends only one council member rather than two, three, or more. This is clearly an attempt to "keep the ghetto the ghetto" and facilitate red-lining not just by private companies but also by city government and affiliated agencies. I urge you to leave Central Neighborhood in the 8th ward, and consider a different split for the rest of the would-be 9th ward.

Best Regards,

David Piehl

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From: REESE M DYER <reedy@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 3:31 PM
To: Redistricting2012
Subject: aganist

Sir or Madam:

After carefully looking at the statistics and the suggested re-districting of the various communities, I feel that this plan only results in locating the low income or poorest neighborhoods into one district. Therefore creating something Minneapolis never has had, a true ghetto. A community that is over looked, ignored, manifests only despair and depression both economically and emotionally.

It has been established that Central already contains a high percentage of rental property compared to homeownership, now your plan allows for even a higher percentage of rental with escalation costs to homeowners. Being re-districted into a district of low income and poor only allows insurance to skyrocket. Allows red lining of the area through various services as repairs performed by contractors. Allows for the lack of public services and gives justification the lack of respect for the people who reside within the district. The end result will be higher crime numbers/incidents, complaints and civil suits.

The census data presented of the areas to be joined, present areas that are occupied with large percentages of rental versus homeownership, every present situation of population decline, high crime rates and average household income of only 42,000.

As a homeowner of the purposed new district, I am voicing my opinion against the re-districting. I am a resident of Central and do not want to be a resident of any district that does not have all three levels of income properly represented. Does not receive services due to location. Would be disregarded because of where I live within the city and would be required to pay higher property taxes, insurance and fees for services.

As a 35 year resident and homeowner of Central I feel the re-districting will not accomplish the requested outcome for representation by minorities groups who feel they are not considered as contenders for various city positions. All minorities of this city have had to establish representatives who have followed the agendas to acquire representation on various city boards and councils. To create a seat that they may or may not occupy is not in the best interest of the constituents of these districts or neighborhoods.

Thank you,
Elaine Dyer

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From: Kevin McDonald <kjmcDonald@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 4:55 PM
To: Redistricting2012
Subject: Ward and Park Boundaries

To Redistricting Commission Members,

I have been closely watching this effort. Congratulations for an excellent process to date.

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Issue # 1

As you undoubtedly know, the Longfellow Community Council (LCC) is a large neighborhood association comprising the neighborhoods of Hiawatha, Howe, Cooper and Longfellow. The currently proposed map splits this association between two wards: 2 and 12. As has been convincingly stated by other associations, neighborhood associations -- and their advocacy and community building efforts -- are "communities of interest."

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I recognize, as well as support that, certain geographic portions of Seward are important for meeting the ethnic heritage considerations of "community of interest," as well as proactively helping to achieve the Voting Rights Act (VRA) requirement that racial and language minorities have a fair opportunity to elect representatives of their choice. That said, there are portions of Seward that share a very strong affinity with the neighborhoods to the immediate north (LCC boundaries). The greater Longfellow neighborhoods and Seward have a long track record of collaborative efforts, ranging from restorative justice to commercial/residential redevelopment projects.

While it is difficult, if not impossible given VRA's minority representation objective, to choose an east-west street to subdivide Seward, I ask that you consider East 24th Street as an option. This street, between Hiawatha Avenue and West River Parkway, could be used as a ward boundary between the 12th and 6th Wards. This achieves the stated goal of "(3) Wherever possible, Minneapolis City ward and Park and Recreation district boundary lines should follow the centerline of streets, avenues, alleys and boulevards and run due East and West or North and South."

Finally, I wish to comment on one Charter Commission principle: Change current boundaries as little as possible. I believe that the Voting Rights Act goals, Minnesota Statutes, and the City Charter must take precedent over this Charter Commission guiding desire. The most important consideration is to "get it right" based on Federal and State laws, and the City Charter. In doing so, you may need to set aside the guiding principle of as little boundary change as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kevin McDonald
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From: timboden@ouruptown.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 5:17 PM
To: Redistricting2012
Cc: timboden@ouruptown.com
Subject: Redistricting comments - Wards 7, 8, 10, 11, 13

Greetings Redistricting Group -

I greatly appreciate the efforts and energy of the group on this effort, as it is quite the undertaking. To date, I've mostly viewed the maps and have not had much to comment on. However, in reviewing the March 15th Operations Committee Draft Proposed Ward Map, I have the following comments:

- (1) I am concerned about the odd shape of Ward 10, with Whittier being included as well as East Harriet but not Lyndale or East Isles. There is a significant geographic difference and the housing and business building-types are so different. I would propose either including East Isles and eliminating East Harriet, or dropping Whittier and including Lyndale and/or East Isles. I would be okay with Lowry Hill East, Whittier, ECCO, CARAG, and Lyndale all as one ward.
- (2) Ward 8 also is concerning as it includes areas that are somewhat isolated from one another, such as Lyndale and Northrop.
- (3) While I enjoy living in Ward 13, I could see Kenny being a part of Ward 11 since there is some orientation in Kenny towards Lyndale Avenue. This addition could allow some trades to occur with 8 (with 8 to take Field and allow for Lyndale to go back to 10).
- (4) I support the idea of having Downtown West split into two wards.
- (5) If Ward 10 takes back East Isles, then perhaps Ward 7 (if needed) could take on West Calhoun. Much of the population of West Calhoun likes along Excelsior Boulevard, which is also heavily connected with Cedar Isles Dean.

Thanks for your consideration.

Thatcher Imboden
5845 Irving Avenue S (resident)
Uptown business person

REDISTRICTING GROUP -- 3/20/2012

BARRY SCHADE

I am here before you again, on behalf of the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association, to ask that you keep Bryn Mawr intact when you set the Ward and Park district boundaries.

By your latest map, nearly all of Bryn Mawr is in one Ward and one Park District: Ward 7 and District 4. We are glad for that and we thank you for all the hard work you have put into this process. We do have a concern that a small, uninhabited sliver of northeastern Bryn Mawr is no longer in Ward 7. We believe that this is because you are following the legislative line which, instead of following the Bryn Mawr boundary that goes down Bassett Creek, follows the railroad tracks just slightly to the south.

This may seem like a small matter but it is a very important issue for us. Bassett Creek is the natural, established boundary of Bryn Mawr and runs just north of the railroad tracks. Ten years ago, the City moved the neighborhood boundary south and to the creek to allow Harrison and Bryn Mawr to have equal participation and equal representation in the development of the Bassett Creek Valley Master Plan. We want that equal representation to continue.

By using the railroad tracks rather than the creek as the ward boundary, a small uninhabited part of Bryn Mawr is effectively isolated from the rest of the neighborhood. By becoming part of Ward 5, this small part of Bryn Mawr now will be represented by an elected Council member and Park District commissioner that no one in Bryn Mawr will have a chance to choose.

This lack of proper representation makes it very difficult for the neighborhood to advocate for the development plans that we worked on for this area since 1997,

plans that were approved by the City in 2006 and made a part of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

The proposed Ward line will keep Bryn Mawr from having equal participation and representation in the master plan implementation.

Bryn Mawr tried to bring the problem with the ward and legislative district line to the Secretary of State. We were told that the remedy lay with the City's redistricting group, and we should bring it back to you. All the City has to do is create a precinct and place it within Ward 7. We understand from City staff that this can be done without a great amount of difficulty.

In our eyes it is a simple technical change that involves no shifting of voters. So we ask that you move this boundary of Ward 7 to the middle of the creek, the boundary of Bryn Mawr and put this small area of Bryn Mawr back in Ward 7.

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Citizens Committee for Fair Redistricting

March 20, 2012

Mr. Barry Clegg, Chair
Minneapolis Charter Commission
350 South 5th Street, Room 317
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Re: March 15 Map

Dear Mr. Clegg and Members of the Redistricting Committee:

My name is Abdulkadir Warsame, the lead coordinator for the Citizens Committee for Fair Redistricting. Our Committee fully supports the proposed map of March 15, 2012.

The reason for this is that the map meets the principles that we have set forth in our proposal.

- It creates a minority coalition opportunity in ward 6 with a majority East African population. It unites the Cedar Riverside, Seward East, Elliott Park, Venture Village and vital parts of the Phillips community into a single ward.
- It keeps all of Mid-Town Phillips in ward 6; this area has around 400+ homes, numerous small businesses owned by East Africans and steadily growing. The largest Mosque in Minnesota is also located in the neighborhood.
- It also creates a minority opportunity ward 9, with a majority Hispanic population.
- It keeps the Native American area of Little Earth together and in ward 9 and hence does not split their community.
- It is compact, contiguous and meets the one-person-one vote principle.

The East African community as a whole welcomes the new map. If this map is approved our community will have greater confidence in the system. It is a highly motivated, cohesive and by and large voter eligible community. Thus the proposed map would go a long way to address the lack of representation and exclusion that the community currently feels.

Very truly yours,

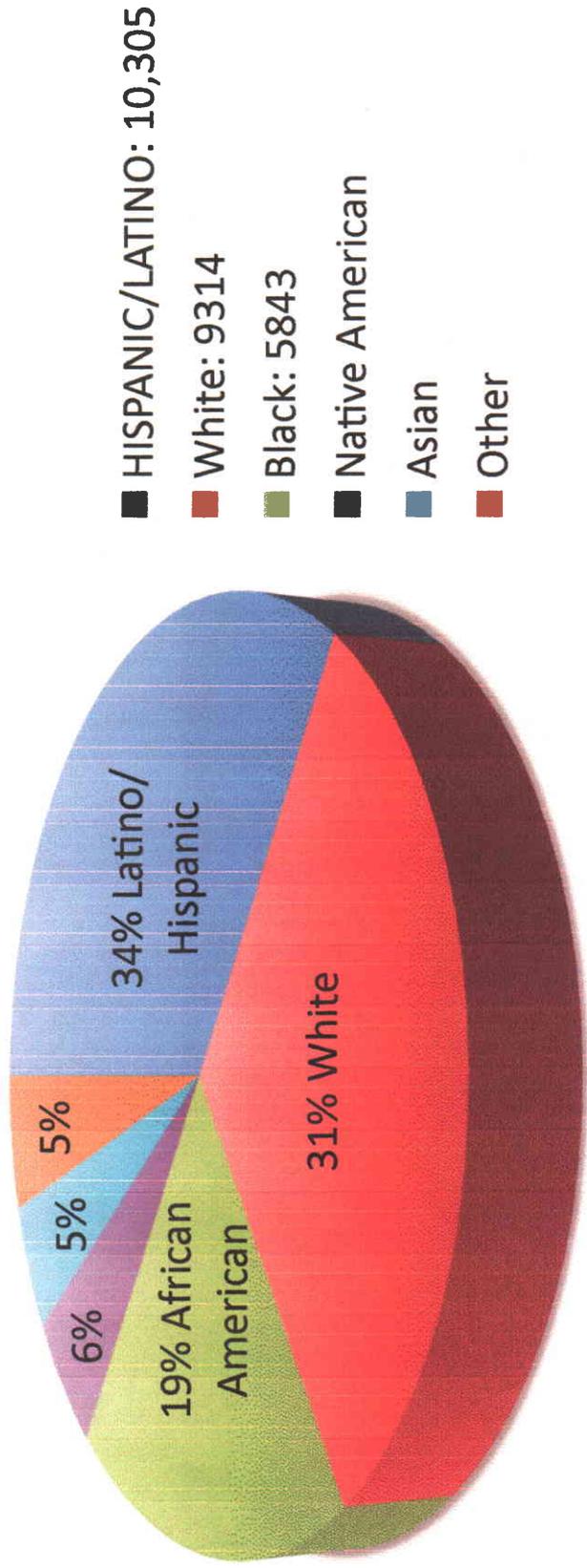
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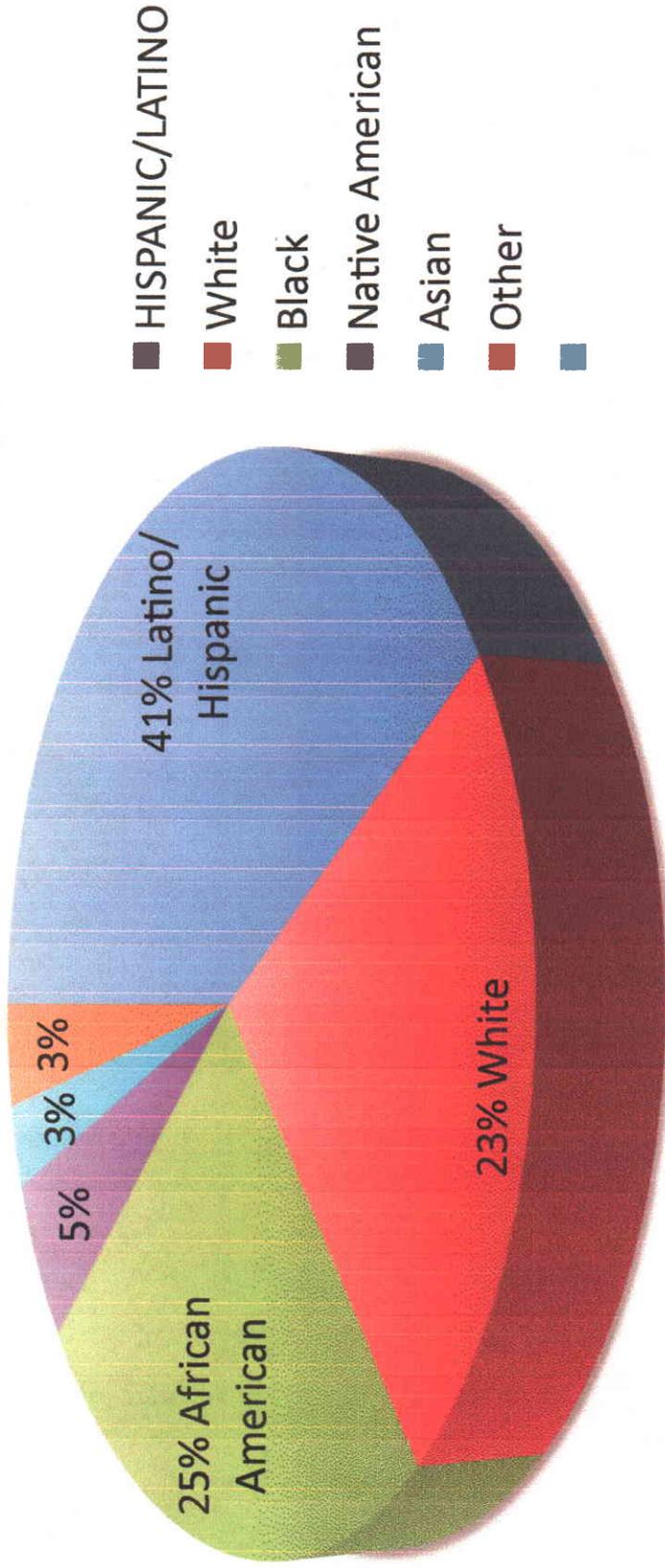
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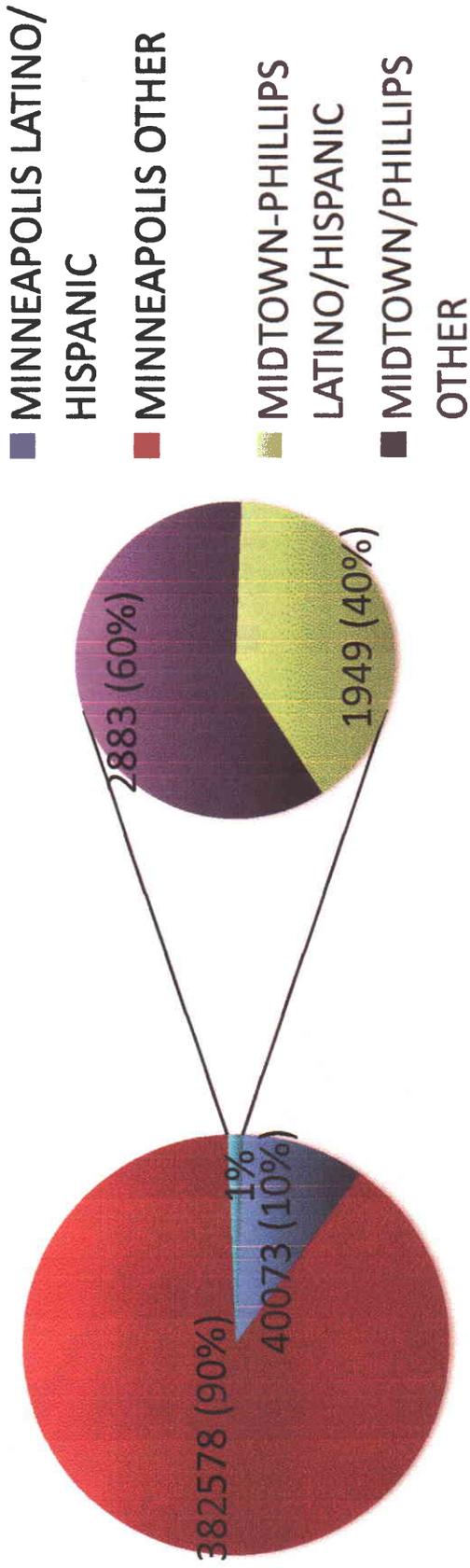
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**PART OF A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST IN MINNEAPOLIS:
Latina/os make up 10% of the Minneapolis Population,
but a remarkable 41% of Midtown-Phillips**



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From: Barry <barry@bfclegg.com>
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To: 'Barry Peterson'
Cc: Redistricting2012
Subject: RE: Ward 2 concerns

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From: Todd Eddy <teddy20@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 10:48 PM
To: Redistricting2012
Subject: Fw: Keewaydin neighborhood

Hello, I'm re-sending this email which I had thought I sent to the Redistricting Group on March 9. I didn't see it included in the list of public comments received, as posted in the agenda for Thursday's meeting, so perhaps the email didn't get through to the Group.

-----Forwarded Message-----

>From: Todd Eddy <teddy20@earthlink.net>
>Sent: Mar 9, 2012 1:37 AM
>To: Redistricting2012@minneapolis.gov
>Subject: Keewaydin neighborhood

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>Hello, My name is Todd Eddy, and I live at 5240 Shoreview Avenue, in the Keewaydin neighborhood. On the March 6 Sample Map, the westernmost sliver of Keewaydin (including our house) would be placed in Ward 11, while the rest of the neighborhood would remain in Ward 12, where it currently lies. I think that under such an arrangement this little piece of Keewaydin would be a sort of orphan. Because of the lake, the river and the airport, Nokomis East is already cut off from its surrounding communities. If grafted onto the Ward 11, this sliver of Keewaydin would be doubly isolated: cut off from the city -- including most of its own ward -- by geography, yet cut off from its Nokomis East neighbors by redistricting. Then too, no part of Lake Nokomis would be in or adjoining Ward 12, which would surely be felt as a loss by the the residents of that ward, especially in Nokomis East.

>Under the March 6 plan, Ward 12 is 1.38% under the ideal population, while Ward 11 is almost exactly ideal. I don't know what the population of the western sliver of Keewaydin is; perhaps it is enough that reattaching it to Ward 12 would put both wards out of compliance. I suspect that is not the case, but I honestly don't know. If it isn't, I humbly suggest you not follow the March 6 map and do keep Keewaydin intact and in Ward 12.