

Minneapolis Redistricting Commission Minutes

Monday, March 4, 2002, 6 PM

Amended 3/07/02

Room 220 City Hall

Present: Commissioner Members: Claypatch, Collier, Ferrara, Finch, Markus, Pettiford, Schwarzkopf, and Stafford

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call - Michael Norton, Deputy City Attorney
Acting Chair Deputy City Attorney Michael Norton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Susanne Griffin called the roll, with all members present.
2. Approval of the Minutes for February 27, 2002 meeting
*Claypatch moved to approve the minutes.
Motion adopted by voice vote.*
3. Select Commission Chair
*Stafford moved to nominate individual names and then vote on them in serial order until one wins.
Motion adopted by voice vote.
Schwarzkopf nominated Dana Badgerow.
Stafford nominated Cristine Almeida.
Collier nominated Parker Trostel.
Finch moved to elect Dana Badgerow to be the chair of the Redistricting Commission. The motion failed by a vote of 2 yeas to 6 nays.
Stafford moved to elect Cristine Almeida to be the chair of the Redistricting Commission. The motion failed by a vote of 4 yeas to 4 nays.
Stafford wanted it noted for the record there was some consensus of the group to have a pledge from the Chair to not be the tie breaking vote in 4-4 split on the final plan. Michael Norton, Deputy City Attorney, quoted from Chapter 1 of the City Charter that the Chair is a full member of the Commission and the Chair takes an oath just as the other members did.
Collier moved to elect Parker Trostel to be the chair of the Redistricting Commission. The motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas.*
4. Schedule additional meetings
Claypatch moved to have each member of the Commission give his/her dates of availability through April 30th to Susanne Griffin to plan out potential

meeting dates. This information is to be given to the new Chair at the March 7, 2002 meeting. The motion passed on a voice vote.

5. Staff Reports

- Use of CD's for draft maps
Susanne Griffin reported that it can be done, however, the City does not have the proper equipment but it can be purchased for around \$300.
- Zoning question on Hollman area
Michael Norton, Deputy City Attorney, reported there was no map yet from the Planning Department.

Direction to Staff:

The Commission would like more information about the phases of development for the Hollman area.

The Commission would like a legal opinion about using the 5% deviation in drawing the Ward lines.

- Proposed timeline
Susanne Griffin distributed a proposed timeline for discussion Claypatch moved to table the timeline until Thursday, March 7, 2002. The motion passed on a voice vote.

6. New Business

Stafford moved to give staff the authority to hire Scott Dickman and either Todd Bleese or Dex Bennett (in this order depending on who lives in the City and if neither lives in the City it would be Todd Bleese) as staff. The job description would be the items 1-9 under Redistricting Commissioners Staff from the paper titled Roles and Responsibilities. It would be for a fix price contract not to exceed \$10,000 per individual.

The motion passed on a voice vote.

Direction to Staff:

The Commission would like to decrease the number of City staff at the meetings to reduce expenses.

7. Commissioner Markus made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**Next Redistricting Commission Meeting: March 7, 2002 6 - 8 PM Room 220
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