

Minneapolis Redistricting Commission Minutes

Regular Session of the Redistricting Commission
Thursday, April 18, 2002, 6 – 8 PM
Room 132 City Hall

Present: Commissioners: Trostel, Claypatch, Collier, Ferrara, Finch, Markus, Pettiford, Schwarzkopf, Stafford, Neiman, Scallon

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call
Commission Chair Trostel called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
All Commission members were present.
2. Approval of the Agenda
Neiman moved to approve the agenda. Ferrara seconded the motion. It was approved on a unanimous voice vote.
3. Reconsideration of table item from April 12, 2002 meeting: Approval of the Minutes for April 11, 2002
Claypatch moved to approve the tabled minutes from April 11, 2002. Finch seconded the motion. It was approved on a unanimous voice vote.
4. Approval of the Minutes for April 12, 2002
Claypatch moved to approve the minutes from April 12, 2002. Collier seconded the motion. It was approved on a unanimous voice vote.
5. Signing off on the Ward Plan
Stafford asked some technical questions:
 - *Ward 1 a part of Beltrami is because of a legislative line*
 - *Ward 7 east side of Lake of the Isles Pkwy should be in Ward 10.*

Schwarzkopf said that legally we follow the metes and bounds and legally we do not follow maps.

Scallon said that Aldermanic courtesy is a courtesy. It is not a State or City law. So if somebody would like the boundary drawn that gives an interest of a Council Member to an area, it is simply an informal agreement. Legally there is no such thing as Aldermanic courtesy. It is literally an outdated idea that goes on.

Stafford moved the line in Ward 11 from 20th Ave S along East Nokomis Parkway to 54th then along 54th. Collier seconded the motion. It passed

unanimously on a voice vote with Commissioners Neiman and Scallon declining to vote.

Collier asked if the City Council could change the Final Ward Plan or the Final Park District Plan, which the Redistricting Commission has adopted?

Assistant City Attorney Larry Cooperman said no, only if they amend the Charter.

Scallon said that the Commission has moved a boundary into the Seward Neighborhood for the 9th Ward by accident. The boundary for Seward is on Hiawatha Ave and it was moved it over to Minnehaha. This does not affect any population.

Collier said they did it because it looked better on the map and did not affect any population.

All Commissioners signed the certification of the final Ward plan.

6. Selection of a Park District Plan

Scallon moved the Tentative Park District Plan as the Park District Plan. Neiman seconded the motion.

Scallon moved Scallon Amendment #1 to give some more riverfront in the 4th District to the Tentative Plan. Neiman seconded the motion. It passed unanimously on a voice vote with Commissioners Markus and Stafford declining to vote.

Schwarzkopf asked who is doing the metes and bounds for these plans. Susanne Griffin, Director of Elections, said the Hennepin County surveyors are going to do the first draft and then hand it off to the City. Schwarzkopf said it is very important to talk about the centerline of the Mississippi River.

Schwarzkopf moved the Lyall Amendment 2, which changed the boundary between the 3^d and 5th Districts to the amended Tentative Park District Plan. Scallon seconded the motion. This will make it slightly more Republican by 0.5%. It creates a better minority opportunity district in District 3. Draw the line on E. 36th St straight east to the river. It passed unanimously on a voice vote with Commissioners Markus and Stafford declining to vote.

The amended Tentative Plan passed unanimously on a voice vote with Commissioners Markus and Stafford declining to vote.

7. Signing off on the Park District Plan

Recessed at 6:35 p.m. to print out the paper for signatures.

Reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

All Commissioners signed the certification of the final Park District Plan as amended. Final maps could not be printed due to technical problems.

8. New Business

Direction to Staff: Mail the final Park Board Map to the Park Commissioners, Council Members and Redistricting Commissioners.

Scallon commented that High-rises should be polling places for the disabled, seniors and minorities to make it easier for them to vote.

Chair Trostel said thank you and a job well done to all the Commissioners at this last meeting of the Redistricting commission.

9. Adjournment

Ferrara moved to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Pettiford seconded the motion. It passed on unanimous voice vote

This is the last meeting of this Redistricting Commission.

Submitted by:

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