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Meeting Minutes - Approved AD HOC REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

2:00 PM

Via Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chair Castañeda called the meeting to order at 2:08pm and called the roll.

Present: 4 - Lindsay Lemmer; Austin S. Johnson; Justice M. Castañeda and Joan I. Schwarz

Absent: 1 - Arvina Martin

Excused: 2 - Nasra Wehelie and Charles Myadze

APPROVAL OF September 9, 2021 MINUTES

Ald. Lemmer moved approval. Johnson seconded. The minutes of September 9, 2021 were approved unanimously by voice vote.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

1. [66839](#) Public Comments

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. [66782](#) Redistricting Process

- Estimated Timeline for Madison's Redistricting Process
 - o Staff reviewed the timeline for the redistricting process, including public outreach efforts scheduled for next week.
 - o Ald. Lemmer endorsed the idea of adding an additional Committee meeting to the schedule.
- Madison Redistricting Criteria/Communities of Interest
 - o None were discussed.
- Draft Alder District Plans
 - o Staff reviewed the information compiled since the last meeting, including charts and maps relating to adding the Town of Madison population to the analysis.
 - o Staff outlined Concepts #5 and #6 on the east side of Madison, picking up from where the conversation left off at the last meeting.
 - o Ald. Lemmer: the Far East side is very similar between the concepts. Ridgewood and High Crossing has been added to D3. Cottage Grove

- Road isn't much of a boundary - instead of that, look at Richmond Hills and Elvehjem, across Cottage Grove Road. Staff: changes in that area would impact D17 and D15 as well. Staff can look at making adjustments in one Concept, but those would be taken out to the public without a second look by the Committee. Ald. Lemmer: that would be appreciated.
- o Ald. Foster: I don't think there's a way to push D3 south of Cottage Grove Road without moving D16 across USH 51, which is a very significant dividing line. Alternatively, D3 could push west if there is a desire to shift the Felland Road/Autumn Lake area to D17. Should the Committee be recommending larger scale changes to staff if there's no opportunity for the Committee to review them before the public engagement?
 - o Ald. Foster: One scenario proposes adding Warner Park to D18, which is a bad idea - the population is on the south side. Keep that area with D12. The manufactured home area by the airport is isolated from the rest of D17. It should be added to D18. Ward 28 includes part of Carpenter-Ridgeway and Eken Park, which are two separate areas - split that ward along STH 30, and combine the southern part with the rest of Eken Park.
 - o Ald. Foster: A small part of the Ridgewood neighborhood - the block with the population of 277 - should be grouped with the rest of Ridgewood. It is split in Concept #6, with most in D3 and the rest in D17.
 - o Ald. Foster: Fine-tune the Concept #6 boundary between D6 and D15 (north side of D6).
 - o Castañeda directed staff to analyze Ald. Lemmer's request to see the impacts of making her requested change in one of the concepts.
 - o Castañeda asked if there are any further recommendations for edits to the two concepts. Do we take both concepts to the public?
 - o Ald. Lemmer: We should take both concepts to the public.
 - o Schwarz: I agree with Ald. Lemmer - there are distinct differences between the concepts.
 - o Johnson: I agree as well - present both concepts to the public.
 - o Ald. Lemmer: I like concept 5's boundaries for D12 and D17.
 - o Ald. Heck: Concept 5 cuts the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood in half, which is concerning. It is a longstanding, contiguous neighborhood. Concept 6 keeps that neighborhood together, which is positive.
 - o Ald. Lemmer: I agree - the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood should be kept together.
 - o Ald. Foster: It would be helpful if staff could look at how many neighborhoods are broken up between alder districts between the alternatives. Some neighborhoods will get split - do we have a preference as to where that happens? If it's a question of splitting Tenney-Lapham vs. splitting Carpenter-Ridgeway, which neighborhood would be better able to handle having two different alders? It's important to take that into account.
 - o Castañeda: we'll have more feedback from the public after next week.
 - o Schwarz: Can you talk about the difference between D2 and D12 boundaries in the scenarios? Staff: yes, different decisions in developing the scenarios lead to different boundary lines.
 - o Castañeda: let's review of the both concepts with respect to west and central Madison. Staff reviewed the concepts in west Madison.
 - o Ald. Furman: Looking at D19 - I don't have a strong preference between them; concept 6 does give the district a lot more future redevelopment. The possible growth is very different between the two concepts. If there is a way to balance out the growth between the concepts that would be

- o good.
 - o Ald. Cole: Asked for a summary of D10 between the two concepts. Staff summarized the D10 boundaries. Ald. Cole: I have no preference for either concept.
 - o Staff reviewed the concepts in the south side, near west side, campus area, and isthmus.
 - o Ald. Myadze joined the meeting at approximately 3:10pm.
 - o Johnson: It would be good to have additional population added to D14.
 - o Ald. Carter: I think either concept works for D14. We need to keep South Madison together with the Arboretum, Bram's Addition, and Capitol View. Arbor Hills is a strong partner with Leopold and they should stay in the same alder district.
 - o Staff asked if the Committee favors adding Leopold to Arbor Hills with shifting a portion of Bay Creek to D14? Johnson: I'm neutral. Ald. Lemmer: That is a struggle. Ald. Myadze: I'd rather keep the school together and split Bay Creek. Ald. Foster: I would favor keeping Arbor Hills and Leopold together; consider using Park Street as the dividing line instead of the railroad tracks. Ald. Carter: Present the concepts to the community for discussion. Castañeda: both are viable concepts as far as splitting Leopold and splitting Bay Creek. Ald. Evers: Ald. Foster has a good point - South Park is a better place to split the area. Also - Cedar, Spruce, and Pine streets have more affinity to Bram's Addition and the northern part of D14 than the rest of Bay Creek.
 - o Ald. Verveer: I'm planning to meet with Staff this week to discuss downtown communities of interest and will be recommended small refinements.
 - o Castañeda recommended Ald. Verveer summarize changes in a memo to the Committee.
 - Committee Member Requests for Resources or Information
None.
- Present:** 5 - Lindsay Lemmer; Charles Myadze; Austin S. Johnson; Justice M. Castañeda and Joan I. Schwarz
- Absent:** 1 - Arvina Martin
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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lemmer to adjourn. Seconded by Schwarz. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 3:27 pm.