



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes

Redistricting Commission

Thursday, July 22, 2021

7:00 PM

Telepresence Meeting: City Web Stream

Overview and Redistricting 101 (Hearing 1)

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, the meeting was conducted telephonically.

Chair of the Redistricting Commission called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference on Zoom.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Chair Galen Kim Davis
Vice Chair Pauline Brown
Commissioner Sandy Agbayani
Commissioner Karen Brenchley
Commissioner Gregory McNutt
Commissioner Gail Rubino
Commissioner Jessie Salas

Also present:

Alternate Frances Stanley-Jones
Alternate Rita Chiang
Alternate Ken Olevson
Alternate Scott Duncan

Absent:

Alternate Henry Alexander III

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 1 [21-0779](#) Consider Changing Redistricting Commission Meeting Time to 6:00 p.m.

Deputy City Manager, Jaqui Guzmán, made Commission aware of conflicts and

asked Commission to consider a 6:00 p.m start time.

Commissioner McNutt asked about process when a member has schedule restrictions during meetings.

Ms. Guzmán responded that an Alternate would then take the place of the Commissioner.

Alternate Jones asked about future scheduling of meetings and if there would be further changes.

Commissioner Salas explained his reason for requesting to change the start time of Commission meetings.

Public comment opened at 7:07 p.m.

No speakers.

Public comment closed at 7:08 p.m.

Chair Davis inquired whether there was any data regarding attendance of public meetings starting at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Ms. Guzmán shared information about evening meetings especially meetings that run late.

Commissioner Brenchley commented that the schedule request should be considered only for now and revisited.

Ms. Guzmán expressed that not having a set schedule may negatively impact the public.

Alternate Olevson expressed support for the 6 p.m. start time.

Commissioner Duncan expressed support for either start time and asked about the schedule for public workshops.

Ms. Guzmán stated workshops could start at different times as needed.

Chair Davis inquired if Alternates may make motions.

Ms. Guzmán explained that Alternates are not voting members and only voting members can make motions and second motions.

Chair Davis opened the floor to change Redistricting Commission meetings from a 7 p.m. start time to a 6 p.m. start time.

Commissioner Agbayani moved and Chair Davis seconded the motion to start meetings at 6 p.m.

Chair Davis acknowledged not seeing Vice Chair Brown's hand raised to second the motion.

Commissioner Agbayani shared his support for starting meetings at 6 p.m.

The motion carried the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Davis
Vice Chair Brown
Commissioner Agbayani
Commissioner Brenchley
Commissioner McNutt
Commissioner Rubino
Commissioner Salas

No: 0

PRESENTATIONS

2 [21-0780](#) Introduction to Redistricting

Ms. Guzmán shared information on the presentation and tools that the Commission will be able to utilize. She introduced Shalice Tilton, of the National Demographic Corporation, who will offer assistance in the redistricting process.

Ms. Tilton shared her background with the Commission.

Ms. Guzmán provided a presentation on Introduction to Redistricting.

Ms. Tilton explained data on Demographic Summary of Existing Districts shown in presentation.

Ms. Guzmán shared information about upcoming community workshop on August 5.

Commissioner Brenchley requested disability parking accommodation at the workshop.

Commissioner McNutt requested information about census blocks.

Ms. Guzmán explained criteria regarding census blocks and Ms. Tilton added additional information about census blocks in Sunnyvale.

Alternate Olevson asked for clarification on how to use census block information in regards to population and specifically citizenship and voting age.

Ms. Tilton stated citizenship and voting age data is received from American Community Survey and also discussed the population data.

Commissioner Salas inquired about standard metrics and process used to gather the data on communities of interests.

Ms. Tilton provided insight on majority and minority data gathered in Sunnyvale.

Alternate Duncan commented on how he interpreted the data.

Commissioner Brenchley commented on population of registered voters and asked how to use that data in the redistricting process.

Ms. Guzmán explained how data may be interpreted.

Chair Davis inquired about data collection and 2020 estimates methodology.

Ms. Tilton directed Chair Davis to the NDC website for further information.

Commissioner Brown inquired about the upcoming community mapping workshop on August 5.

Commissioners and Ms. Tilton continued discussion about census and NDC data as related to residents of Sunnyvale for redistricting purposes.

Commissioner Rubino asked about map boundaries and population for the different districts and communities of interest.

Ms. Guzmán explained the information was gathered and established two years ago.

Commissioner Brown asked about access to presentation slides.

Ms. Guzmán said they will be available online.

Mr. Carnahan explained any updated information will be emailed to the Commission and also available to the public.

Ms. Tilton provided presentation on the City of Sunnyvale Introduction to Redistricting Tools.

Alternate Jones shared experience with drawing district maps and inquired about outreach for participation considering the pandemic and related concerns.

Ms. Guzmán explained the City will be holding hybrid sessions in an attempt to accommodate residents including those with concerns regarding public health guidelines and COVID-19.

Alternate Chiang offered Chinese language translation if needed.

Ms. Guzmán explained Zoom participants will have to register to attend virtually and that outreach meetings will be tracked to capture demographic information of participants. Also that there are specific requirements related to community outreach that will need to be followed.

Ms. Guzmán thanked Alternate Chiang for offering her language translation services.

Ms. Guzmán explained that the maps created by the Commission may be challenged and or recalled and the importance of keeping the redistricting process transparent.

Public Comment opened at 8:37 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 8:38 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.