



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes

Redistricting Commission

Thursday, September 9, 2021

6:00 PM

Telepresence Meeting: City Web Stream

Communities of Interest Review and Public Input (Hearing 2)

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 6:04 p.m. via teleconference on Zoom.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Chair Galen Kim Davis
Commissioner Sandy Agbayani
Commissioner Karen Brenchley
Commissioner Gregory McNutt
Commissioner Gail Rubino
Commissioner Jessie Salas

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Pauline Brown

Also present:

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

Absent:

Alternate Henry Alexander III

Chair Davis stated Alternate Stanley Jones will take the place of Vice Chair Brown as a voting member.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment opened at 6:07 p.m.

No speakers.

Public comment closed at 6:08 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Davis opened up the floor to adopt the previous meeting minutes and stated that the vote will include the minutes from July 8 and July 22.

Commissioner Rubino moved and Commissioner Brenchley seconded the motion to adopt the minutes for the July 8, 2021 and July 22, 2021 Redistricting Commission meetings.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Davis
 Commissioner Agbayani
 Commissioner Brenchley
 Commissioner McNutt
 Commissioner Rubino
 Commissioner Salas
 Alternate Stanley Jones

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Brown

1.A [21-0889](#) Approve the Redistricting Commission Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2021

Approve the Redistricting Commission Minutes of July 8, 2021 as submitted.

1.B [21-0890](#) Approve the Redistricting Commission Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2021

Approve the Redistricting Commission Minutes of July 22, 2021 as submitted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2 [21-0891](#) Discuss Communities of Interest in Sunnyvale

Deputy City Manager Jaqui Guzmán confirmed that there is a staff report.

Ms. Guzmán introduced guest speakers David Early, from Placeworks, and Shalice Tilton, from National Demographics Corporation.

Mr. Early provided presentation on communities of interest in Sunnyvale.

Commissioner McNutt asked for clarification on the school district boundaries as presented by Mr. Early.

Mr. Early will correct discrepancy on map before it is archived.

Alternate Stanley Jones serving as a Commissioner inquired about data and difference in numbers between districts.

Mr. Early pointed out that District 6 contains the most mobile home parks and may be a contributing factor.

Alternate Stanley Jones serving as a Commissioner and Mr. Early continued discussion about mobile home parks and how they are captured in the census data.

Ms. Guzmán stated there may be additional data available that breaks down the data to owners, renters and mobile home park renters.

Commissioner Brenchley commented that mobile homes should definitely be tracked since they are a notable community of interest.

Mr. Early stated it will be tracked as a category moving forward.

Commission members and Mr. Early discussed the different types of data categories being collected.

Ms. Guzmán stated that demographics will be tracked and any additional information will be shared with the Commission.

Public hearing opened at 6:38 p.m.

No speakers.

Public hearing closed at 6:39 p.m.

Commissioner Brenchley commented that she believes the community of interest workshop did not have as many people due to COVID.

Commission members discussed the existing boundaries and shared comments on their initial review of the communities of interest maps.

Ms. Guzmán stated that the feedback from the community was that the 2019 maps were well drawn. Also, that the community of interests seem to currently be the same.

Mr. Early explained the data points in relation to boundaries and communities of interest.

Chair Davis suggested parameters for group to address any conflicts.

Alternate Stanley Jones serving as a Commissioner commented that she recalled one person who had a comment regarding community of interest of Birdland being split.

Commissioner Rubino requested to view map of the Birdland area that is split.

Mr. Early explained the boundaries of Birdland as he shared the District map with the group.

The Commission discussed the Birdland area boundaries and District 6.

Shalice Tilton, of NDC, shared features of the interactive map that may be used for drawing district lines.

The Commission further discussed the boundaries and how to use the interactive map to change boundaries and identify communities of interest.

Commissioner Rubino requested data regarding new developments on the maps.

The Commission had further discussion about the new developments and

communities of interest.

Ms. Tilton replied that she will add a layer for census block population to the maps.

The Commission further discussed communities of interest and boundaries.

Ms. Guzmán clarified to the Commission that there are no future community meetings scheduled and that the September 30 meeting is a map training meeting.

The Commission continued discussion on communities of interest.

Ms. Tilton displayed maps of school district boundaries in contrast to neighborhood association boundaries.

Chair Davis confirmed receiving and reviewing a presentation from the SNAIL neighborhood Association.

The Commission continued discussion on communities of interest and school district boundaries.

MOTION: Chair Davis moved that mapmakers should make every effort keep individual mobile home parks together within a district.

Alternate Stanley Jones serving as a Commissioner asked for clarification of the motion.

Mr. Carnahan provided clarification.

Alternate Stanley Jones serving as a Commissioner asked that the motion be repeated

Mr. Carnahan repeated the pending motion made by Chair Davis.

MOTION: Commissioner Brenchley moved to keep adjacent mobile home parks in the same district where they are contiguous that they be treated as a bulk community of interest.

Commissioner Rubino seconded the motion.

Mr. Carnahan clarified procedure in regard to Chair Davis's prior pending motion.

Chair Davis's prior MOTION FAILED without a second.

Commissioner Brenchley repeated her motion to keep mobile home parks that are contiguous with each other, not be broken into separate districts and that they are treated as communities of interests instead of individual mobile home parks.

Commissioner Rubino seconded the motion.

Commissioner McNutt asked Mr. Carnahan to clarify the pending motion.

Chair Davis expressed support for the motion.

Motion carried 7-0:

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Davis
 Commissioner Agbayani
 Commissioner Brenchley
 Commissioner McNutt
 Commissioner Rubino
 Commissioner Salas
 Alternate Stanley-Jones

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Brown

MOTION: Chair Davis moved that mapmakers should make all efforts to keep neighborhood associations whole within Council Districts.

Alternate Stanley Jones serving as Commissioner seconded the motion.

Commissioner McNutt asked for clarification of Chair Davis's motion and offered a friendly amendment that the motion refer to existing or registered neighborhood

association.

Mr. Carnahan verified that the Birdland Neighborhood Association is not registered with the City of Sunnyvale.

Motion carried 7-0.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Davis
 Commissioner Agbayani
 Commissioner Brenchley
 Commissioner McNutt
 Commissioner Rubino
 Commissioner Salas
 Alternate Stanley-Jones

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Brown

Chair Davis discussed school district boundaries related to District 1 and Cupertino Union School District.

Alternate Duncan suggested minimizing changing boundaries to not have a negative effect on the disenfranchised population.

MOTION: Commissioner Rubino moved that mapmakers respect existing district lines to avoid minimize disenfranchised being shifted to a different election cycle.

Chair Davis seconded the motion and offered a friendly amendment to define disenfranchised as those who are not able to vote for a council member in the next four years.

Commissioner Rubino accepted friendly amendment.

Commissioner McNutt expressed non-support for the motion.

Motion carried 3-1-3:

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chair Davis
 Commissioner Rubino
 Alternate Stanley Jones

No: 1 - Commissioner Brenchley

Abstain: 3 - Commissioner Agbayani
 Commissioner McNutt
 Commissioner Salas

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Brown

MOTION: Commissioner McNutt moved to preserve existing boundaries.

Chair Davis seconded the motion.

Motion carried 7-0:

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Davis
 Commissioner Agbayani
 Commissioner Brenchley
 Commissioner McNutt
 Commissioner Rubino
 Commissioner Salas
 Alternate Stanley-Jones

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Brown

3 [21-0892](#) Outreach Report

Ms. Guzman shared staff report with Commission about the various outreach efforts

she made within the city and the many communities of interest and related demographics.

Ms. Guzman discussed social media outreach efforts and "boosting" to reach a wider population as well as targeted advertising focused on specific groups and communicating in different languages.

Ms. Guzman thanked the Commission for all the assistance with outreach.

Chair Davis expressed satisfaction with the redistricting process.

Public hearing opened at 8:04 p.m.

Public comment provided by, Elaine Manley, a resident of the Birdland neighborhood, who expressed her views regarding her neighborhood and different communities.

Ms. Manley thanked the Commission for their service.

Public hearing closed at 8:05 p.m.

4 [21-0893](#) Update on Census Data Release

Ms. Guzman asked Ms. Tilton if the census data will be in the mapping tool for the September 30 community meeting.

Ms. Tilton explained that the data likely will not be available but encouraged the Commission to start using the mapping tools and that she is "hoping" for the data.

Public hearing opened at 8:10 p.m.

No speakers.

Public hearing closed at 8:11 p.m.

Chair Davis addressed the Commission and that he is looking forward to receiving the census data and then thanked Ms. Guzman for her inquiry of when the data will be available.

Ms. Tilton again encouraged the Commission to use the mapping software and to

test out the available tools and features.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Davis adjourns the meeting at 8:12 p.m.