



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes

Redistricting Commission

Thursday, November 11, 2021

6:00 PM

Telepresence Meeting: City Web Stream

Census Data Overview and Initial Feedback for Map Makers (Hearing 3)

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N 29 20 (March 17, 2020) and Section 42 of Executive Order N 08 21 (June 11, 2021), issued by Governor Newsom, the meeting was conducted telephonically.

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. via teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Chair Davis

Vice Chair Brown

Commissioner Agbayani

Commissioner McNutt

Commissioner Brenchley

Commissioner Rubino

Alternate Chiang serving for Commissioner Salas

Also Present:

Alternate Stanley Jones

Alternate Olevson

Alternate Duncan

Absent:

Commissioner Salas

Alternate Alexander

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment opened at 6:07 p.m.

No comments.

Public Comment closed at 6:07 p.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS

**1 [21-1052](#) 2020 Census Data and Implications for Sunnyvale
 Redistricting**

Ms. Guzmán announced that the 2020 census data was now available and that the final data shows Sunnyvale's population grew to about 16,000, but that the distribution was not even throughout the districts with District 2 as the largest district and District 3 the smallest district.

Ms. Guzmán informed the group that based on the data, Sunnyvale's district lines will need to be redrawn to achieve population equality.

Shalice Tilton of NDC presented and explained Sunnyvale's official census data.

Commissioner Brenchley commented that it appears District 5 can remain the same.

Chair Davis opened the floor to questions.

Commissioner Salas arrived at 6:14 p.m.

Commissioner Salas requested information regarding deviation from the last census.

The Commission continued discussion of data sets and communities of interest.

Ms. Guzmán shared that most important criteria under federal law is population equality.

Chair Davis asked for confirmation from Ms. Guzmán whether the Commission's goal is to minimize the number of people who will miss a voting cycle and Ms. Guzmán confirmed this is Council's direction to the Redistricting Commission.

The Commission further discussed the various districts and population of each district.

Ms. Guzmán confirmed that the maps made in recent meetings would be processed with the census data and if NDC identifies any imbalance, it will be flagged for the Commission.

Ms. Tilton suggested that the Commission enter maps into new mapping tool "Dave's Redistricting App."

Ms. Tilton suggested to the Commission that the least disruptive way and basic fix to balance District 2 and 3 would be to leave the other Districts in place to achieve population balance.

Commission members discussed 2020 Census data and implications as well as natural barriers and boundaries and how to avoid disenfranchisement.

Ms. Guzman confirmed that previous mapping work is still available.

Public Hearing opened at 6:31 p.m.

The following members of the public provided public comment:

Martin Pine
Elaine Manley
Sue Harrison
Steve Scandalis
Colleen H.
Jennifer S.

Public Hearing closed at 6:49 p.m.

2 [21-1053](#) Mapping Tool Discussion and Demonstration of Dave's Redistricting App

Ms. Tilton reviewed new mapping tool Dave's Redistricting App and updates.

Ms. Tilton presented new redistricting tool features and instruction guide with the Commission.

The Commission and Ms. Tilton continued discussion on the various app features and requested to disable previous tool.

Ms. Guzman shared with commission to encourage the community to participate in the future mapping meeting.

Chair Davis shared concern about maps getting lost.

Ms. Guzman addressed his concerns and explained that they will be collected and consolidated in one area.

Chair Davis opened the floor for public comment.

Public Hearing opened at 7:31 p.m.

The following members of the public provided public comment:

Martin Pine
Colleen Hessler
Steve Scandalis

Public Hearing closed at 7:36 p.m.

Chair Davis invited comments from the commission.

The Commission, Ms. Tilton and Ms. Guzman discussed redistricting map deadlines.

City Clerk, David Carnahan, confirmed deadline dates.

MOTION: Commissioner Brenchley moved to accept mapping tool adjustments and results.

Chair Davis seconded the motion.

Commissioner McNutt offered a friendly amendment to include directions on the webpage when accessing new mapping tool.

Commissioner Brenchley, motion maker, accepted the amendment.

Mr. Carnahan clarified motion amendment.

Motion carries 7-0.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

3 [21-1054](#) Outreach Report

Ms. Guzmán shared update with the commission on her community outreach and promoting the new redistricting app.

Ms. Guzmán further shared that mailers informing residents of the redistricting efforts will be included in the City utility bills.

Commissioner Rubino requested inserts for the mobile home parks who do not receive utility bills and if the information can be broadcast on social media.

Ms. Guzmán informed the group that the redistricting process has been shared on various social media outlets such as Next Door and that inserts could be made available for mobile home residents.

Chair Davis opens the floor for public comment at 7:55 p.m.

The following members of the community provided public comment:

Martin Pine

Public comment closed at 7:57 p.m.

Commissioner McNutt thanked Ms. Guzman for her outreach and inquired if future meetings will be in person or virtual.

Ms. Guzmán replied that future meetings may be held either virtually or in person depending on the pandemic.

Commissioner Brenchley thanked members of the commission for all their work.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting is adjourned at 8:04 p.m.