



Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (ICRC)
Town Lake Center, Assembly Room, 721 Barton Springs Road, Austin, TX 78704
Wednesday, July 31, 2013
Minutes

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Catherine Cocco	Mariano Diaz-Miranda	Magdalena Blanco
Stefan Haag	Anna Saenz	Tom Costello
Carmen Llanes Pulido	William Hewitt	Arthur Lopez
María Solís	Henry Johnson	Robert Rafols
Harriett Harrow		

MEMBER(S) WHO ARE APSENT:

Rachel Farris

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Chair Magdalena Blanco. A quorum was present.

1. General Citizen Communication; members of the public present and signed up to speak:
James Peterson (Northwest Precinct, representing self)
Frank McIntyre (North Central, Austin League of Women Voters)
2. Approve minutes of July 24, 2013 Regular Meeting
Member Harrow motioned to approve the July 24th minutes with the addition of the speakers names and other data (precinct and affiliation). Member Saenz seconded. Motion passed on a vote of 13-0.
3. Presentation and deliberation on Precinct 208 (Commissioner Costello)
Citizen Speakers:
Robert Thomas (Northwest Austin, Austin Neighborhood Council)
Dr. Laura Pressley (Allandale rep on ANC)
Brad Parsons (did not identify precinct or affiliation)
Peck Young (Southwest, AGR)
Member Costello initiated discussion on precinct mapping (UT Campus). Chair Blanco requests map of neighborhoods. Member Hewitt motioned to table and discuss Precinct 208 at next week's meeting. Member Rafols seconded. Motion passed on a vote of 12-1. Chair Blanco refers Commission to Charter, section E6 for precinct boundaries.

4. Subcommittee Reports

(a) August 14 meeting update (Commissioner Solis)

Citizen Speaker:

Dr. Laura Pressley (Allandale rep on ANC)

Member Solís presented September meeting dates and venues for precincts. Members discussed logistics of precinct meeting around Labor Day. Member Saenz motioned to approve September meeting dates with Member Solís's changes. Member Llanes Pulido seconded. Motion passed on a vote of 12-0; member Costello abstained. Member Solís will send out schedule with updated meeting dates.

(b) Payment from the City (Commissioner Saenz)

Member Saenz stated in order for ICRC to get reimbursed, members must register as a vendor with the City and bring receipts to Saenz. Member Costello motioned for ICRC to receive reimbursement for travel to Citizens' Input Meetings according to the mileage formula. Member Llanes Pulido proposed amendment that if a member does not wish to be reimbursed, the member does not submit reimbursement request. Member Costello accepted the amendment. Member Harrow seconded. Motion passed on a vote of 13-0.

5. Deliberation and possible action on posting for technical mapping consultant

Citizen Speaker: Peck Young (SW area; AGR)

Deputy Purchasing Officer Yolanda Miller outlined the procedures and logistics for hiring including what deliverables and milestones are required. Commission members expressed concern about the timeline; Ms. Miller responded that the scope of work is critical to the process. Members Costello, Llanes Pulido, and Johnson volunteered to draft the Scope of Work detailing deliverables. Member Llanes Pulido motioned to designate member Costello as compiler of the ICRC suggestions to be approved at next meeting. Member Johnson seconded. Motion passed on a vote of 13-0.

6. Deliberation and possible action on Executive Director Positions

Citizen Speaker: Peck Young (SW area; AGR)

Upon reviewing the applicants received up to this point, the Commission discussed and each provided their opinion on who should be the final applicants moving forward for the Executive Director position. Chair Blanco stated that the consensus shows the top three contenders are Tounget, Zigrossi, and Cantrell. Member Johnson accepts member Costello's nomination to oversee this hiring process; member Johnson will also collect references for the applicants who do not have it listed. Member Solís motioned to have a meeting on Saturday, August 10, at 10 AM to interview and decide on the final applicant for the Executive Director position. Member Johnson seconded. Motion passed 11-0; members Llanes Pulido and Costello abstained from voting.

7. Deliberation and possible action on a Commission Policy Manual

Chair Blanco stated this agenda item will be moved for the next meeting

8. Housekeeping

Member Harrow asks commission members to identify themselves when they send out emails. Member Rafols motioned for members Rafols, Hewitt, and Llanes Pulido to serve as the Public Outreach Committee. Member Harrow seconded. Motion passed on a vote of 13-0.

9. Future Agenda Items

Chair Blanco stated she will compile a condensed list of future agenda items and send it to City Liaison Gutierrez for posting, but as for now what she has is as follows: advertisement for the August 14th public hearing, discussion on the Commission policy manual and discussion on Precinct 208, August and September public meeting updates, ANC presentation, discussion on Executive Director and Legal Counsel posting, discussion on hiring a mapping consultant, and discussion on the August 10th agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Blanco adjourned the meeting at 9:54 pm without objection.

APPROVED