



Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (ICRC)
Town Lake Center, Assembly Room, 721 Barton Springs Road, Austin, TX 78704
Wednesday, August 7, 2013
Minutes

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Stefan Haag	Anna Saenz	TJ Costello
Carmen Llanes Pulido	William Hewitt	Arthur Lopez
María Solís	Henry Johnson	Ryan Rafols
Harriett Harrow	Magdalena Blanco	Rachel Farris

MEMBER(S) WHO ARE ABSENT:

Cathy Cocco, Mariano-Diaz Miranda

*****Cathy Cocco was available to participate in this meeting via the video conferencing, but due to technical difficulties from the City, Cathy Cocco was not able to be participate.*****

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Magdalena Blanco. A quorum was present.

1. General Citizen Communication; members of the public present and signed up to speak:
Lorraine Atherton (South Central, representing self)
2. Approve minutes of July 31, 2013 regular meeting
Member Saenz motioned to approve the July 31st minutes. Member Solis seconded. Member Costello amended the minutes to add the names of which commission members were absent from the July 31st meeting. Motion passed on a vote of 12-0. Chair Blanco requested future minutes list the names of commission members who are absent from a meeting.
3. Presentation by (ANC) Austin Neighborhood Council (15 min)
As requested by the Commission members, Mr. Robert Thomas, a representative from the Austin Neighborhood Council (ANC) did a presentation for the Commission members, as well as answer a few general questions. Also present during the presentation was ANC President Carol Lee and ANC Vice President Mr. Jerry Perkins
4. Deliberation on Neighborhood and Voting Precinct 208 (15-20 min)
Citizen Speakers:
Robert Thomas (NW Hills; ANC)
Peck Young (South; AGR)

As discussed by citizen Peck Young regarding the importance of the Commission Members to obtain data from the GIS map of the current election precincts in Travis County, Member Saenz motioned the commission members ask the City for that GIS map. Member Farris seconded. Motion passed on a vote of 11-0. (1 member abstained) Commission Members continued their discussion of Agenda item 4.

5. Deliberation and possible action on Hiring:

(A) Executive Director Posting (10-15 min)

Citizen Speakers:

Prashanth Veeranna (NW; representing self)

Peck Young (South; AGR)

Brad Parsons (NW; AGR)

As requested by Chair Blanco, each Commission Member wrote down and handed to Chair Blanco their top three applicant choices for the position of Executive Director. (18 applicants applied for the position) Chair Blanco asked Liaison Gutierrez to work with Member Johnson regarding the logistics of the hiring process for the Executive Director position. After a tally of votes, Vice Chair Costello announced the top four applicants who have been selected to move on as finalists for the Executive Director posting: Steven Aleman (8 votes) Craig Tounget (7 votes) Sam Zigrossi (4 votes) Tomas Cantrell (4 votes). Zigrossi and Cantrell were both tied with the same number of votes. Member Hewitt motioned to accept the sense of the Commission and do two things (1) ask Member Johnson to call the four applicants and check for references, and (2) bring the applicants in for an interview on August 10th. Member Johnson seconded. Motion passed on a vote of 12-0. Chair Blanco stated the 4 applicants can either come in person for the interview or do a conference call for the interview. Liaison Gutierrez stated she can make a teleconference line available on August 10th. Member Johnson volunteered to put together 3-4 interview questions for the August 10th interviews.

(B) Legal Counsel Posting (5-10 min)

Commission members discussed where they should post for the Legal Counsel position. Member Rafols motioned to post the Legal Counsel job on LinkedIn and to have the Commission members vote on approval of the payment of funds. Vice Chair Costello seconded. Motion passed on a vote of 12-0. Member Harrow motioned to post the Legal Counsel position on the State Bar of Texas career website. Member Rafols seconded. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0. (3 members abstained from voting) Vice Chair Costello motioned to have the City pay for an already approved ad on LinkedIn, pay for an already approved ad on the Texas bar, and to reimburse Member Harrow for money spent for an advertisement on the Texas Society of Association Executives career website. Member Saenz seconded. Member Farris requested to amend the motion to not exceed \$1,000. Vice Chair Costello stated the amendment is accepted. As requested by Vice Chair Costello, the vote was done by verbal roll call (due to money being involved in the motion) with Liaison Gutierrez asking each member how they wished to vote. Motion was passed on a vote of 12-0.

(C) Mapping Consultant RFQ (10-15 min)

Citizen Speaker:

Peck Young (South; AGR)

Vice Chair Costello and Member Llanes Pulido provided to the Commission a draft of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Mapping Consultant position. Commission

members reviewed the draft and provided input and made suggestions for some changes. Once all the proposed changes were made, member Llanes Pulido read aloud the revised draft with the changes. Member Saenz moved to accept the revisions. Member Johnson seconded. Motion passed on a vote of 12-0. Vice Chair Costello moved that member Llanes Pulido send the final draft to Liaison Gutierrez and have it posted through the Purchasing Department ASAP. Member Johnson seconded. Motion passed on a vote of 12-0.

6. Deliberation and possible action on a Commission Policy Manual (5-10 min)
Chair Blanco stated this agenda item will be tabled for today, but will be added to every meeting as an agenda item
7. Housekeeping (5 min)
Citizen Speaker:
Edwin English (NW; AGR)
Discussion amongst the Commission members regarding the format of future agendas, and locations for the ICRC public meeting locations. Commission Members reviewed a draft of the August 14th agenda. Vice Chair Costello moved to accept the agenda for the meetings on August 14th, 17th, 21st, and 28th. Member Hewitt seconded. Motion passed on a vote of 11-0, with Chair Blanco abstaining.
8. Future Agenda Items (5 min)
Chair Blanco will forward to Liaison Gutierrez the agenda for the August 14th meeting. As it stands for now the agenda will be comprised of approval of minutes, citizen communication, and general business items.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Blanco adjourned the meeting at 9:57 pm without objection.