



**Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (ICRC)
Little Walnut Library
Saturday, August 17, 2013
Minutes**

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Magdalena Blanco	Mariano Diaz-Miranda	Arthur Lopez
Anna Saenz	Maria Solis	Henry Johnson
Cathy Cocco	Stefan Haag	Rachel Farris
TJ Costello	Ryan Rafols*	

*Ryan Rafols entered the meeting during General Citizen Communication (Agenda Item 2)

MEMBER(S) WHO ARE ABSENT:

Carmen Llanes Pulido, Harriet Harrow, William Hewitt

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 10:10 am by Chair Magdalena Blanco. A quorum was present.

1. Approve minutes of August 14, 2013 Public Forum meeting
After hearing discussion on the minutes of the August 14, 2013 Public Forum meeting, Chair Blanco lists the following changes that need to be made to the minutes:
 - **Müller should be spelled Mueller throughout the document**
 - **Peck Young's name needs to be spelled correctly in the two instances it is documented in the minutes**
 - **The questions that were asked of citizens called back after General Citizens Communication need to be added to the minutes**
 - **The spellings of all the citizens' names need to be checked with the cards they turned in during the meeting**
 - **Handouts that were submitted by citizens who spoke need to be noted on the minutes****After hearing Chair Blanco's list of changes, Commissioner Maria Solis moves accepting the changes and approving the minutes.**
Commissioner Anna Saenz seconds.
The Commission votes to accept the changes and approve the minutes for the August 14, 2013 Public Forum meeting with a 9-0-1 vote (9 favor, 0 against, 1 abstaining).
2. General Citizen Communication; members of the public present and signed up to speak:

- a. Mary Rudig, who lives in Precinct 218 (Precincts 268 and 258 nearby) in Gracie Woods, and serves as a member of the North Austin Coalition Neighborhoods
- b. Craig Naser, who lives in Precinct 218 and serves as the Parks Co-chair of the Gracie Woods Neighborhood Association and as a member of the Conservation Committee of the Austin Sierra Club
- c. Dora Smith, who lives at Rundberg and Northgate
- d. Irene Conig, who lives in Precinct 258
- e. Eileen Guillo, who lives in Precinct 268 and is a member of the Gracie Woods Neighborhood Association
- f. Bill McCarren, who lives in Precinct 237
- g. Joy Estats, who lives in the area described as NW Austin on the map the Commission provided, and who used to live in Quail Creek
- h. John Keohane, who lives in Precinct 236 in Alandale and serves as an Alandale Neighborhood Association Board Member
- i. Roger Duck, who does business at Braker and Burnett in North Austin (purple area on the large map the Commission provided), and who serves as a member of the Contact Team for the North Burnet Neighborhood Association
- j. Robert Thomas, who lives in Precinct 247 in Northwest Hills, and who served on the Northwest Austin Coalition
- k. Mark Fisher, who lives at 12205 Scrag Drive
- l. Fidel Asavedo, who lives in Precinct 225, representing District 12, Councils 42, 27, and the League of United Latin American Citizens
- m. Shamit Dasgupta, who lives in Precinct 327
- n. Laura Presley, who lives in Precinct 239 in Alandale and serves as treasurer of the Alandale Neighborhood Association and as a member of Austin Neighborhoods Council
- o. Rick Latowsky, who lives in Precinct 186
- p. Jimmy Flanagan, who lives in Precinct 151 and serves as the President of Austin Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce and as the Organizer for the Northwest Austin Coalition
- q. Caroline Homer, who lives in District 223 in the North Austin Civic Association Area (pink area on the large map provided by the Commission)
- r. Robert Meadows who lives on Walnut Creek on the corner of Braker and I-35 and serves on the Walnut Creek Neighborhood Association
- s. Robert Romeg, who lives in Precinct 108, east of I-35 and north of Braker
- t. Mary-Joe Hernandez, who lives in Precinct 139 in Heritage Hills, and is part of the Restore Rundberg Project
- u. Mary Flatcher, who lives in Precinct 103 between Walnut Creek and Little Oak

Chair Blanco then called the following citizens back up for questions:

- a. Mary Rudig
 - Chair Blanco reads a Commissioner's question: You previously stated that school districts are important to talk about. Can you elaborate on the Pflugerville ISD and Austin ISD lines that should be recognized?
 - In response to Ms. Rudig's answer, Chair Blanco asks how and why would people lose their place of worship.

- Chair Blanco asks about the people who funnel into the region Ms. Rudig had marked.
- Chair Blanco asks if Ms. Rudig knows about the population in the North Austin area.
- Another Commissioner asks if Ms. Rudig is using 2010 Census data.
- The Commissioner then asks whether Ms. Rudig and her organization could include which data they are using in future maps they submit.

Robert Duck

- Robert Duck is called for questions but is no longer present at the Commission's meeting.

Robert Thomas

- Chair Blanco asks why Wells Branch was excluded from the map.

Jimmy Flanagan

- A commissioner asks Mr. Flanagan whether the affinity of the Round Rock ISD/Williamson County is with Austin ISD, Leander ISD, neither, or something else.

3. Future Agenda Items

a. Citizen Speakers

- i. Peck Young, who lives in Precinct 350 and serves on AGR
- ii. Ed English, who lives in County Precinct 2 and Voting Precinct 259, resident of Millwood, a neighborhood just west of Mopac along Palmer Lane
- iii. Francis Macintyre, who lives in Precinct 239 and serves on the Austin League of Women Voters

b. Chair Blanco discusses future agenda items

- i. The Tuesday meeting for August 20, 2013 will be cancelled, as the Executive Director will do the top-four pick.
- ii. August 24, 2013 meeting has not been posted yet but will go ahead as planned. In this meeting the Commission will conduct interviews of Legal Council. There have been 11 applicants, whose names will be posted Monday morning.
- iii. The Wednesday August 21, 2013 public forum meeting will go as planned and is already posted.
- iv. Chair Blanco checks for quorum for the August 24, 2013 meeting. The Executive Director will reach out to Commissioners who were not present at today's meeting to see if they will attend the August 24, 2013 meeting.
- v. Chair Blanco checks for quorum for the August 21, 2013 meeting. It looks like there will be quorum.
- vi. Chair Blanco discusses a tentative meeting she had set for August 31, 2013 to review RFQs. Chair Blanco asks for Commissioners' thoughts on this meeting date.
- vii. Chair Blanco asks two Commissioners to work with the Executive Director on a timeline for the UT meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

TJ Costello motions to adjourn the meeting.

Anna Saenz seconds.

Chair Blanco adjourned the meeting.

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