



Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (ICRC)
Aug. 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
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Members in Attendance Christina Puentes, Chair Luis Gonzalez, Vice Chair Joshua Blank Sara Inés Calderón Erin Dempsey Errol Hardin Shaina Kambo Dr. Sterling Lands Hoang Le BJ Morris Eugene Schneider Selina Yee	Staff In Attendance Matthew Dugan, City's Planning Manager George Korbel, Mapping Specialist Christine Granados, ICRC Administrative Manager
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DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting Goals: Receive Information about City's Boundaries and Neighborhood Associations; Discussion on public forums and mapping process; Receive Updates from Working Groups/Subcommittees

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Puentes called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with ten members present.

Commissioner Le joined at 6:10 p.m. and Commissioner Lands joined at 6:20 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first three speakers who register to speak no later than noon the day before the meeting will be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

Peck Young addressed the commission on behalf of the NAACP and Hispanic Coalition concerning an email he sent all commissioners that stated both entities would be presenting maps at the Sept. 8, 2021 meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion and possible action on the Aug. 18, 2021, ICRC meeting minutes.

The Aug. 18, 2021 draft minutes were approved without objection

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The ICRC may discuss and take action on the following agenda items

A. Discussion on mapping process one-on-one's with mapping specialist

Korbel gave an update on the city's undercount in their maps using the 2020 Census data and how he is waiting on state numbers to make a preliminary map. He also addressed why one-on-one's with commissioners would be useful.

3. NEW BUSINESS

The ICRC may discuss and take action on the following agenda items

A. Presentation from City Transportation department

Cole Kitten presented roadway maps to show possible physical boundaries associated with redistricting.

<https://austin.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=2a3c539da76b4f49906a3524ed4a2cc9>

B. Presentation from City Watershed Protection department

Nick Kincaid gave overview of the important features of lakes, rivers, creeks and watershed areas in Austin used as boundaries in redistricting.

C. Presentation from Austin Neighborhood Council President

Justin Irving, president of ANC, gave history of ANC and neighborhood associations.

D. Discussion about in-person regular meetings starting Sept. 1

Dugan gave update on in-person meeting location which he reserved from Sept. 1 through Nov. 17 and rules to follow at those meetings.

Commissioner Hardin made a motion to ensure that in-person public meetings and public forums have attendees and commissioners spaced no less than six-feet apart and microphones and other equipment be wiped down between each use. Commissioner Schneider seconded and the ICRC unanimously approved the motion.

E. Update from Public Forum Working Group

1. Discussion on way to improve virtual public forms

Vice Chair Gonzalez shared the proposed schedule of public meeting dates for the county precinct forums. On Vice Chair Gonzalez's motion, Commissioner Hardin's second, the ICRC unanimously approved the proposed 2021 county precinct public forum schedule.

2. Discussion on in-person public forums: answering questions asked by public and COVID meeting protocols

Vice Chair Gonzalez gave update on Q&A option for precinct forums and commissioners decided answering questions from public at forums would be an ongoing discussion.

F. Update from Communications Working Group

Commissioner Calderón gave update on advertising campaign and website updates.

G. Update from Finance Subcommittee

Commissioner Morris gave update on finances leading up to the end of the fiscal year, Sept. 30, 2021.

H. Update from Final Report Subcommittee

Commissioner Blank gave update on creating templates for the final report.

I. Housekeeping

Chair Puentes gave update on Signup Genius form with time slots for one-on-one's with Korbel. This will be delayed a week.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Korbel presentation of data and possibly a map
- Peck Young addressing the commission on behalf of the NAACP and the Hispanic Coalition with maps on Sept. 8, 2021
- Discussion on better way to integrate and address questions asked by public at public forums
- Updates from working groups/subcommittees
- Discussion on ideas to spend surplus of funds before the end of the fiscal year Sept. 30, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Puentes adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m. with no objection.

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For more information on the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission, please contact Matt Dugan at 512-974-7665 and matthew.dugan@austintexas.gov or Lisa Rodriguez at 512-974-3119 and lisa.rodriguez@austintexas.gov.

Versión en español a continuación.

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission Meeting 08/25/2021

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to be held 08/04/2021 with Social Distancing Modifications

Public comment will be allowed via telephone; no in-person input will be allowed. **All speakers must register in advance (08/24/2021 by noon).** All public comment will occur at the beginning of the meeting.

To speak remotely at the **Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission** Meeting, members of the public must:

- Call or email the board liaison at **512-974-7665** and matthew.dugan@austintexas.gov no later than noon, (the day before the meeting). The following information is required: speaker name, item number(s) they wish to speak on, whether they are for/against/neutral, email address and telephone number (must be the same number that will be used to call into the meeting).
- Once a request to speak has been made to the board liaison, the information to call on the day of the scheduled meeting will be provided either by email or phone call.
- Speakers must call in at least 15 minutes prior to meeting start time in order to speak, late callers will not be accepted and will not be able to speak.
- Speakers will be placed in a queue until their time to speak.
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- If the meeting is broadcast live, it may be viewed here: <http://www.austintexas.gov/page/watch-atxn-live>

Reunión del Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

FECHA de la reunion (08/25/2021)

La junta se llevará con modificaciones de distanciamiento social

Se permitirán comentarios públicos por teléfono; no se permitirá ninguna entrada en persona. Todos los oradores deben registrarse con anticipación (08/24/2021 antes del mediodía). Todos los comentarios públicos se producirán al comienzo de la reunión.

Para hablar de forma remota en la reunión, los miembros del público deben:

- Llame o envíe un correo electrónico al enlace de la junta en 512-974-7665 and matthew.dugan@austintexas.gov a más tardar al mediodía (el día antes de la reunión). Se requiere la siguiente información: nombre del orador, número (s) de artículo sobre el que desean hablar, si están a favor / en contra / neutral, dirección de correo electrónico (opcional) y un número de teléfono (debe ser el número que se utilizará para llamar).
- Una vez que se haya realizado una solicitud para hablar con el enlace de la junta, la información para llamar el día de la reunión programada se enviará por correo electrónico o por teléfono.
- Los oradores deben llamar al menos 15 minutos antes del inicio de la reunión para poder hablar, no se aceptarán personas que llamen tarde y no podrán hablar.
- Las oradoras esperarán en una fila hasta que llegue el momento de hablar.
- Los folletos u otra información pueden enviarse por correo electrónico a matthew.dugan@austintexas.gov antes del mediodía del día anterior a la reunión programada. Esta información se proporcionará a los miembros de la Junta y la Comisión antes de la reunión.
- Si la reunión se transmite en vivo, se puede ver aquí: <http://www.austintexas.gov/page/watch-atxn-live>