



**Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (ICRC)
Sept. 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Permitting and Development Center (PDC)
6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr.
Austin, TX 78752**

CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:

*Prabhu Kannan
Brigham Morris
Errol Hardin
Eugene Schneider
Erin Dempsey
Luis Gonzalez, Vice-Chair
Dr. Sterling Lands*

*Hoang Le
Shaina Kambo
Sara Inés Calderón
Selina Yee
Christina Puentes, Chair
Joshua Blank
Camellia Falcon*

Members in Attendance	Staff In Attendance
Christina Puentes, Chair Luis Gonzalez, Vice Chair Joshua Blank Sara Inés Calderón Camellia Falcon Errol Hardin Shaina Kambo Dr. Sterling Lands Hoang Le Eugene Schneider Selina Yee	Matthew Dugan, City's Planning Manager George Korbel, Mapping Specialist Christine Granados, ICRC Administrative Manager

DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting Goals: Discussion on public forums and mapping process; Receive Updates from Working Groups/Subcommittees

CALL TO ORDER

*Chair Puentes called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with nine members present.
Commissioner Lands joined at 6:07 p.m. and Commissioner Le joined virtually at 6:30 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.

Fred Lewis addressed the commission on behalf of the NAACP and Hispanic Coalition about the need to follow the City Charter during the mapping process.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion and possible action on the Aug. 25, 2021, ICRC meeting minutes.

The Aug. 25, 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 with mapping specialist

1. Presentation on city demographic data

Korbel presented his methodology for the mapping process using Census numbers.

2. Individual commissioner conversations

Korbel discussed why one-on-one input from commissioners was helpful during the mapping process. Chair Puentes shared the details for signing up for the optional, recorded one-on-one meetings scheduled Sept. 9-12, 2021.

B. Update from Public Forum Working Group

1. Discussion of calendar changes

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

2. Discussion on better way to integrate and address questions asked by public at public forums

Commissioner Hardin shared suggestions for how to structure the second round of public forums and address questions from the public.

C. Update from Finance Subcommittee

Vice Chair Gonzalez gave an update on working with city to ensure funding is encumbered for use.

1. Discussion on ideas to utilize surplus of funds before the end of the fiscal year Sept. 30, 2021

Commissioner Calderón requested funding for a larger advertising budget to advertise public forums.

3. NEW BUSINESS

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

A. Review of the ICRC values and norms

Chair Puentes reviewed Values and Norms the ICRC created on July 7, 2021.

B. Update from Communications Working Group

Commissioner Calderón gave update on advertising efforts.

C. Update from Final Report Subcommittee

No update.

D. Housekeeping

Chair Puentes mentioned Signup Genius email for scheduling one-on-one would be in commissioners inboxes and in the next two meetings there would be a catered dinner for commissioners in anticipation of long night.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- *NAACP will present map to the commission*
- *Hispanic Coalition will present map to the commission*
- *Korbel to present map to the commission*
- *Discussion on the map presented by Korbel*
- *Discussion on improving the way public forums are conducted*
- *Discussion on questions asked in in-person public forums*
- *Updates from Working Groups/Subcommittees*

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Puentes adorned the meeting at 8:14 p.m. without objections.

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