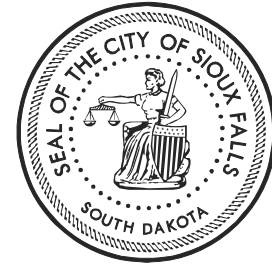


Minutes

Wednesday, September 10, 2008



Districting Commission

4:00 p.m.
at the Carnegie Town Hall
235 West Tenth Street

Members Present: Roger Berggren, Vance Goldammer, Elaine Roberts, Joel Rosenthal
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: City Clerk, Debra A. Owen, Assistant City Clerk, Tamara M. Jorgensen, and Assistant Director of Planning and Building Services, Jeff Schmitt
Guests: Minnehaha County Auditor, Sue Roust

1. Call To Order

- City Clerk Owen called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. Introductions and Opening Remarks

- Members of the Commission were introduced upon arrival. Opening remarks gave an introduction to the reference binders and the information contained therein.

3. Rules and Regulations

- Owen gave a breakdown of the timeline and due dates necessary for the completion of the redistricting process. Discussion followed and she will have a timeline in writing available at the next scheduled meeting.
- Schmitt explained the process that was used in the 2001 districting process. Per the Charter, whenever the population has a 15% increase since the last census was taken, it becomes necessary to re-evaluate and update existing districts. The last census taken was in 2001 and the population was 123,900; the last census population (2007) showed Sioux Falls at 151,000. The July, 2008 census will be available in July, 2009.
- Schmitt further explained that the challenge is to set up the districts within the census boundaries that were previously set. We use the census blocks and geographic boundaries within the precincts to determine the boundary. In 2001 the districts were generally even with about 30,000 in each district.

4. Discussion of 5th Member – Chairperson

- The Commission members will be in contact with the individuals they would like to nominate. They will find out if their proposed nominees would be interested in serving on the Commission. If they are, their names will be submitted at the next meeting as candidates for this position. Discussion was held regarding the qualifications needed and the names of the previous members were given.

5. Scheduling Future Meetings

- It was determined that future meetings will be scheduled once the Chairperson has been selected and is in attendance. Some commission members prefer that the schedules are set up a few months in advance and not adhere to a 'same day/each month' format. The next meeting has been scheduled for **Monday, September 29, 2008, at noon at the Carnegie Town Hall – Multipurpose Room.**

6. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Tamara M. Jorgensen
Assistant City Clerk
