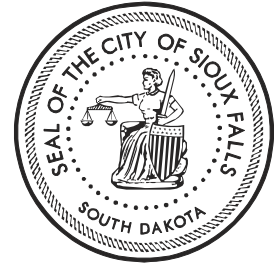


Minutes

Monday, November 10, 2008



Districting Commission

11:30 a.m.
Carnegie Town Hall
235 West Tenth Street

Members Present: Roger Berggren, Vance Goldammer, Elaine Roberts, Joel Rosenthal, and Susan M. Sabers

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 and Assistant City Clerk, Denise Tucker

1. Call To Order

- A motion was made by Goldammer and seconded by Roberts to call the meeting to order at 11:42 a.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes dated October 28, 2008

- A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Berggren to approve the minutes. A voice vote was taken and all members present voted yes.

3. Open Discussion

- Discussion was held regarding the following topics:
 - A review was done about the three maps: Option A, Option B, and Option C and the differences between the three.
 - Discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of using either the geographic center or the population centers as dividing lines for districts.
 - Discussion was held regarding whether or not the districts should be renamed as numbers vs. the location on the map. The suggestion was made that this would alleviate confusion for future Districting Commissions in determining where to change boundary lines.
 - Owen reviewed the city ordinances (Chapter 14-1) which stipulate that, until the ordinances are changed, the districts are labeled as Southeast, Southwest, Northeast, Northwest and Central. The suggestion was made that the City Council could be asked to change the ordinance to reflect the districts by numbers instead.
 - Sabers requested that Schmitt come forward with a 'pie graph / wheel spoke' option of the changes for review at the next meeting. Goldammer requested that Schmitt come forward with the following changes: 1-3 and 1-8 to the Northwest District; 4-3 and 4-9 to the Central District, 5-12 and 5-13 to the Southeast District and 5-11 to the Southwest District. Berggren requested that Schmitt come forward with an option that displays 4-9 and 2-4 to the Central District. After discussion, it was determined that having a 'visual' reference would be helpful for the group to make further decisions.

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4. Scheduling future meetings

- Tuesday, November 25, 2008, at 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 9, 2008, at 11:30 a.m.

5. Adjournment

- A motion was made by Berggren and seconded by Roberts to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 p.m. A voice vote was taken and all members present voted yes.

Tamara M. Jorgensen
Assistant City Clerk