

# Minutes

\* Tuesday, April 21, 2009



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## Districting Commission

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

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- Members Present: Roger Berggren, Vance Goldammer, Elaine Roberts, Joel Rosenthal, and Susan M. Sabers
- Members Absent: None
- Staff Present: Debra A. Owen, City Clerk, Tamara Jorgensen, Assistant City Clerk, Jeff Schmitt, Assistant Director of Planning, and Barbara Johnson, Office Staff.
- Guest: Pat Costello, City Council Member, Steve Young, Argus Leader reporter, and citizens: Rachele Schaap, Margaret Barnett, Marjorie H. Tapken, Jim Glenski, and Mary Glenski.
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### 1. Call To Order

- Chairperson Sabers called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. Sabers thanked the citizens for attending the meeting and indicated that, because two Public Hearings had previously been held and the time for public comment had now closed, additional input from the public would not be taken at the meeting.

### 2. Approval of the Minutes dated February 3, 2009

- A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Goldammer to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2009 meeting. A voice vote was taken and all members present voted yes.

### 3. Review Public Hearing Comment Cards

- An additional email dated April 3, 2009, from Chuck and Karen Boyum was distributed to the Districting Commission and accepted with the comment cards. The floor was opened for input and feedback regarding the comment cards.
- Discussion was held regarding the comments received from citizens living in precinct 3-4. The commission took some additional time to review the comments again, including those provided in written format as well as those issues discussed at the prior public hearings.

### 4. Map Selection

- Commission members discussed the issues relating to the districting process, the community input, and the rationale for map selections.

A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Goldammer to select Option L as the recommended map to be brought before the City Council.

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- Option L was unanimously selected by the members for a multitude of reasons including, but not limited to, the following
  - It satisfies the criteria contained in the Charter, with the impact to neighborhoods minimized as much as possible;
  - Two of the eastern districts were left with a smaller population number to accommodate anticipated population growth in the next few years, based in part on increased sanitary sewer capacity;
  - From an electoral point of view, the plan neither changed voting precincts nor voting places;
  - There will be another Districting Commission review of the maps before the 2012 election.

## 5. Timeline for Future Action

- The report from the Districting Commission will be received at the City Council Meeting on Monday, May 4, 2009. Several members of the Commission plan to attend the meeting. The plan will be adopted, unless rejected by a majority of the City Council within 21 days of the plan's submission.
- If the City Council fails to adopt the plan, it shall return the plan to the Commission with its objections, and with the objections of individual members of the Council.

## 6. Adjournment

- A motion was made by Goldammer and seconded by Berggren to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 a.m. All members present voted yes.

Tamara Jorgensen, CMC  
Assistant City Clerk

\* Per an email dated May 12, 2009, at 11:00 am from Susan Sabers, these minutes were revised by the Commission and, in this new form, have been approved by all members.