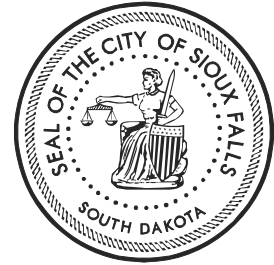


# Minutes

Tuesday, January 23, 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: City Clerk, Debra A. Owen, Assistant City Clerk, Tamara M. Jorgensen, and Assistant Director of Planning and Building Services, Jeff Schmitt.

Guest: Minnehaha County Auditor Sue Roust and City Council Member Greg Jamison

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### 1. Call To Order

- Chairperson Sabers called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

### 2. Approval of the Minutes dated January 13, 2009

- A motion was made by Rosenthal and seconded by Goldammer to make the following amendment to the minutes. A voice vote was taken and all members present voted yes.
  - Option D: Option D was discussed, including its comparison to the commission's governing criteria, and whether substantial changes such as those presented therein were appropriate for adoption at this time. Owen expressed concerns with maps, such as D, which, in her opinion, did not adhere to the criteria set-forth in the Charter regarding the aggregate length of the district boundaries. Owen added that, in her opinion, Option D would radically change the district boundaries a proposed change to 16 precincts.
- A motion was made by Rosenthal and seconded by Goldammer to approve the minutes, **as amended**. A voice vote was taken and all members present voted yes.
- At 11:56 a.m., a motion was made by Goldammer and seconded by Roberts to make the following amendment to the minutes. A voice vote was taken and all members present voted yes.
  - Discussion was held regarding bringing Option C, D, J and K forward for the public hearing.

### 3. Analyze information and maps most recently mailed. Discuss possible scenarios and alternatives. Discuss pros and cons of each map.

Discussion was held regarding the following topics \*:

- Schmitt gave an update on Options J and K from the last meeting, noting the small amendments made from previous maps:

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- **Option J:** Contains revisions to Option H: District 2-4 was moved to the southeast; 2-4 had a little higher population that we needed in the northeast and all populations fall within the range.
  - **Option K:** Contains revisions to Option I. District 2-4 was moved to the northeast and took 3-5 to the northwest; Option K now gives a balance within the range.
  - Preferences regarding Options J and K for taking to the Public Hearing and recommending to the City Council are listed below. The pros, cons, similarities and differences between the two options were discussed. Roust indicated that she did not have any major problems with either option regarding precinct changes. She noted that Option J would involve 9 precinct changes and that Option K would involve 14 precinct changes.
    - J: Roberts and Berggren
    - K: Rosenthal and GoldammerSabers did not vote.
  - After the option(s) have been selected and agreed to by a majority of the commission, the City Clerk's office will publish the Notice of Hearing; make the information available to the public through the city's website; fax a Press Release to the media and possibly notify citizens whose precincts are affected.
  - Discussion was held regarding bringing Options C, D, J, and K (with the front runners being J and K) to a public hearing. If the public finds something that the Districting Commission members missed, can changes be made and then a new 'preferred option' be made accessible to the public at another Public Hearing. Schmitt recommended that the Commission wait until after their initial public hearing to determine which is the final version that they wish to present to the City Council.
  - Discussion was held regarding the timelines for submission to the City Council and public hearings.
  - Sabers requested that another meeting be scheduled with the intent for everyone to vote on a plan, if need be. Goldammer recommended that the commission pick a 'preferred Option', three others that meet the criteria and then plan to move forward with scheduling a public meeting. The group's consensus was to have some additional time to think, maybe review the areas affected on their personal time, and come prepared to have a final discussion and to make a choice at the next meeting.
4. Open Discussion
- None.
5. Scheduling future meetings
- **Tuesday, February 3, 2009, at 4:30 p.m.** (*Accommodations will be made for voting by telephone if there are members who are unable to attend*).
6. Adjournment
- A motion was made by Rosenthal and seconded by Roberts to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Tamara Jorgensen, CMC  
Assistant City Clerk