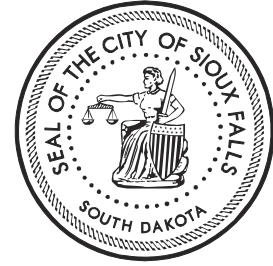


Minutes

Tuesday, February 3, 2009



Districting Commission

4:30 p.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: Assistant City Clerk Tamara M. Jorgensen

Guest: Minnehaha County Auditor Sue Roust (4:38 p.m.)

1. Call To Order

- Chairperson Sabers called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes dated January 23, 2009

- Chairperson Sabers requested a copy of the minutes dated January 13, 2009 be sent to her via electronic mail.
- A motion was made by Rosenthal and seconded by Roberts to eliminate the 5th bullet point under Item 3 and to eliminate the footnote on page 3 above Item 4. A voice vote was taken and all members present voted yes. **Motion passes.**
- A motion was made by Sabers and seconded by Rosenthal to eliminate the un-bolded paragraphs under Section 2. A voice vote was taken and all members present voted yes. **Motion passes.**
- A motion was made by Goldammer and seconded by Roberts to add the following sentence "discussion was held regarding the timelines for submission to the City Council and public hearings" after the last paragraph on page 2. A voice vote was taken and all members present voted yes. **Motion passes.**

3. Analyze information and maps

Discussion was held regarding the following topics * :

- On January 30, 2009, Ms. Sabers requested an additional Option to be presented as Option L. This Option moves 1-1 and 1-2 to the southwest district and 5-11 into the central district. Discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of Option L which was distributed today.
- Discussion was held regarding Options J, K and L with more particular comments focusing on Options K and L. In reviewing the differences between K and L, Sabers read the districting plan criteria:
 - (1) Districts shall be equal in population except where deviations from equality result from the application for the provisions hereinafter set forth, but no such deviation may exceed five (5) percent of the average population for all city council districts according to the figures available from the most recent census.

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- (2) Districts shall consist of contiguous territory.
 - (3) No voting precinct (as set by the counties) shall be divided in the formation of districts.
 - (4) The number of districts which include territory in more than one (1) county shall be as few as possible.
 - (5) Consistent with the foregoing provisions the aggregate length of all district boundaries shall be as short as possible.
- Discussion was held regarding the public hearing process. Some members would like to receive an opinion from City Attorney Amundson regarding whether or not there is a need for a second public hearing if the first public hearing results in a change from the recommended Option.
 - A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Berggren to recommend Option L at the public hearing. A voice vote was taken with the following results: Yeses: Sabers, Roberts and Berggren. No's: Goldammer and Rosenthal. **Motion passes.**
 - Discussion was held regarding the timeline for the Public Hearing and the appropriate notifications. The City Clerk's Office will submit a listing of proposed public hearing dates to the Districting Commission within the next two weeks. The Public Hearings will be held at the Carnegie Town Hall located at 235 West 10th Street. The Commission has a preference for Tuesday night if at all possible.
 - The following points were discussed regarding the public hearing process:
 - The Commission will meet ½ hour before the public hearing begins;
 - Easels will be set up around the room so the public can view Options: A, C, D, J, K and L - with L being the recommended version;
 - Opening comments will be made by Schmitt or Sabers or both;
 - Population information should be included on all of the Options on the left hand side;
 - Comments and suggestions from the public will be recorded on notes or on cards distributed at the entry to the Chambers.
 - A separate board containing the districting plan criteria will be available for public viewing.
 - The opening comments should indicate that these changes are for the 2010 Election and that there will be more changes in 2012, after the most recent census data is complete.

** At the request of the Chair, the use of names and specific comments has been minimized as much as possible.*

4. Open Discussion

- None.

5. Scheduling future meetings

- None.

6. Adjournment

- A motion was made by Goldammer and seconded by Berggren to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

Tamara Jorgensen, CMC
Assistant City Clerk