

Commission on Redistricting

Wednesday May 12, 2021

Start Time: 5:02 pm

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Commission Members

Mariana Cordier (Chair)
Arthur Edmunds (Vice-Chair)
Imad Aldean Ahmad
Laura Ard
Keshia Desir
Valerie Ervin
Bruce Goldensohn
Jason Makstein
Nilmini Rubin
Samuel Statland
David Stein

Council Staff

Pamela Dunn
Jeff Zyontz
Liz Olsson

Invited Guest Presenter

Erik Westbrook, a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Programmer with the Montgomery County Planning Department. Mr. Westbrook holds a bachelor's degree in Geography from the University of South Florida, and a master's degree in GIS from the University of Maryland. At the Planning Department, Mr. Westbrook is responsible for building and maintaining web applications related to planning and land use. He also provides technical assistance to the Information Technology and Innovation (ITI) division in support of "open data".

The meeting began at 5:02 pm.

It opened with a greeting to the Commission by Chair Cordier.

Next, the Chair requested approval of the meeting minutes. The April 28 meeting minutes were approved without amendment.

The Chair then introduced Erik Westbrook from the Montgomery County Planning Department. Mr. Westbrook presented a GIS Redistricting Tool created by the Planning Department to assist the Commissioners in their work. Following his presentation, Mr. Westbrook answered questions related to the presentation.

The Commissioner's then had a brief discussion regarding proposed "ground rules" for drawing seven Council Districts. The Commissioners considered topics for the June meeting agenda which will include proposed redistricting "ground rules" for consideration and discussion.

The meeting closed at 6:25pm.