

Commission on Redistricting

Thursday September 23, 2021

Start Time: 5:10 pm

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Commission Members

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

Council Staff

Jeff Zyontz
Pamela Dunn

Planning Staff

Corinne Blackford
Nick Holdzkom
Erik Westbrook

The meeting began at 5:06 pm.

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

Next, the Chair requested approval of the meeting minutes. The September 2nd meeting minutes were approved without amendment.

Mr. Statland reported on on-going outreach efforts and stated that those efforts will cease after September 30th. Staff was asked if public input submitted could be posted on the Commission's web page. Staff agreed to look into that possibility.

A lengthy discussion of development of maps followed. As part of this discussion a motion was made to consider the question of combining the Cities of Rockville and Gaithersburg. The motion was seconded and passed. A subsequent motion was made by Ms. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Stein, to combine the Cities of Rockville and Gaithersburg into a single district. The motion passed 7-4 with Mr. Makstein, Ms. Desir, Mr. Statland, and Mr. Ahmad opposed.

The process for submitting maps by an October 4th deadline was discussed. During this discussion the Commission agreed (without objection) that any member could propose a map subject to the second of another Commissioner. Council staff noted the date of the in-person meeting tentatively scheduled for October 6th was still not confirmed. October 13th may be needed as an alternate date.

The Commission agreed (without dissent) to hold a public hearing on October 20. The Commission also agreed to using the Council rules for limiting the number of speakers and time for each speaker.

The meeting closed at 6:55 pm.