



**DISTRICTING COMMISSION MEETING  
DECEMBER 15, 2021  
4:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Gilbert Esparza III  
Isabel Carillo  
Col Bob Burns  
Cynthia Renteria  
Martin Bartlett  
Dr. Michiel R. Noe  
Christopher Villa – arrival 4:20pm  
Joshua Fematt

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

Daniel Anchondo

***Planning and Inspections Staff:***

*Karina Brascalla, Executive Secretary, Lead Planner; Nina Rodriguez, Planner; Mariano Soto, Senior Planner, GIS; Kevin Smith, Planning and Inspections Assistant Director; Philip Etiwe, Planning and Inspections Director*

***Others Present:***

*Russell Abeln, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; Wendi Vineyard, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office;*

**AGENDA**

Chair Martin Bartlett the rules into the record.

**I. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – PUBLIC COMMENT**

Call to the Public will begin at 5:00 p.m. Member of the public will be allowed 5 minutes to present with additional time granted at the discretion of the presiding officer.

Motion to open Public Comment by Michiel Noe, seconded by Cynthia Renteria.

- Sylvia Carreon
- Lucilla Najera
- Ed Talamantes
- Carmen Rodriguez.

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**II. REGULAR AGENDA – DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**

- 1 Discussion and Action: Changes to the Agenda

**NO ACTION**

- 2 Discussion and Action: Review of Minutes for the November 17, 2021 Meeting.

Motion made to approve Dr. Michiel Noe, seconded by Commissioner Burns.

**MOTION PASSES**

- 3 Discussion and Action: Review of Minutes for the December 1, 2021 Meeting

Motion made Commissioner Esparza, seconded Burns

**MOTION PASSES**

- 4 Information and Discussion: Review of Public Outreach, Communication, and Website

Discussion and Action: Review of Minutes for the December 1, 2021 Meeting  
Presentation by Laura Cruz Acosta

Question by Isabel Carrillo regarding click rates on website.  
Comment added by Karina Brasgalla

Question by Cynthia Renteria regarding participation by Commissioners in outreach meetings.  
Response by Attorney Abeln, and Comment by Chair Bartlett.

Question by Chair Bartlett in reference to participation of Commission members at outreach meetings.

Commissioner Esparza asked if local media still offer free PSAs and rules at attending District meeting. Response and information by Laura Cruz Acosta

Vice Chair Isabell Carrillo made observation about the effect of absence of the Commission at community meetings and suggested they be present. Question about submission of maps. Response by Karina Brasgalla, requested feedback from Commission.

Comment by Commissioner Christopher Villa

Comment by Laura Cruz

Cynthia Renteria commented on deadlines to submit maps in February, asked about process to gather community feedback, answer by Karina Brasgalla.

Isabel Carillo made comment

Christopher Villa asked question

Chair Bartlett asked about deadlines, answered by Karina Brasgalla

Comment by Christopher Villa, clarification by Chair Bartlett and comment by Laura Acosta ta

Cynthia Renteria commented on location of meetings, response by Laura Cruz on staff shortage

Comment by Gilbert Esparza

Chair Bartlett asked to summarize the public involvement process will look like to avoid inconsistency, Laura Cruz provided clarification.

Comment by Kevin Smith

Cynthia Renteria made Comment, Karina Brasgalla provided response and Laura Cruz added comment.

Comment by Vice Chair Carillo

Commissioner Burns made comment on suggestion from Laura Cruz

**NO ACTION REQUIRED.**

Motion to hear Item No. 7 (Administrative Updates) by Vice Chair Carrillo, Seconded by Commissioner Noe.

**MOTION PASSES**

Administrative updates provided by Karina Brasgalla

Motion to open Public Comments Dr. Noe, seconded Commissioner Renteria.

Public Comment - Ms. Sylvia Carreon

Public Comment – Lucia Najera

Public Comment – Ed Talamantes

Public Comment – Carmen Rodriguez

Question by Chair Bartlett about posting and actions taken,

5 Information, Discussion, and Action: Drafting and Selection of District Plans

Jesus Valdez – Coach – League of Women’s Voters

Commissioner Esparza asked in regards to resolutions presented, item No. 4.

Commissioner Bob Burns made comment.

Cynthia Renteria commented about improvement of existing map.

Chair Bartlett requested information from Mr. Valdez on District 2, information provided by Jesus Valdez.

Commissioner Renteria asked Mr. Valdez to provide more information about interviews conducted by the League of Women’s Voters – Mr. Valdez provided information to the committee.

Bob Burns asked question

Dr. Michiel Noe made comments about population on districts and their representation, response provided by Mr. Valdez  
Information provided by Karina Brasgalla

Commissioner Esparza III made comment and encouraged Mr. Valdez to look into district 4

Cynthia Renteria made comment addressed to the Commission members. Karina Brasgalla added to Commissioner Renteria’s Comment.

Vice Chair Carrillo, made comment about District 2.

Judy Ackerman – League of Women’s Voters.

Question by Chair Martin Bartlett. – Comment added by Mr. Valdez

Comment by Russell Abeln.

Comment by Commissioner Renteria regarding historic representation.

**NO MOTION FOR ACTION.**

6 Information, Discussion, and Action: Presentation of District Plan submission from the League of Women Voters. Items 5 & 6 heard together.

**NO MOTION FOR ACTION**

7 Information and Discussion: Administrative updates

This item was moved up and was discussed after Item No. 4

8 Discussion

Item about public outreach schedule by Karina Brasgalla.

9 Adjournment

**Dr. Michiel Noe motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded Commissioner Fematt**

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.