



DISTRICTING COMMISSION MEETING

March 30, 2022

4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Col. Bob Burns
D. Michiel R. Noe – online
Christopher Villa
Martin Bartlett
Isabel Carrillo
Cynthia Renteria
Gilbert Esparza III

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Joshua Fematt
Daniel Anchondo

City Staff:

*Karina Brasgalla, Executive Secretary, Assistant Director Economic and International Development;
Kevin Smith, Planning and Inspections Assistant Director; Russell Abeln, Assistant City Attorney, City
Attorney's Office*

I. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Ms. Sylvia Carreon: Thanked the Commissioners, noted that they didn't get everything they wanted but also didn't lose. Shoutout to the League of Women Voters.

Mr. Ed Talamantes: Noted that he liked Vice Chair Carrillo's map. Commented on representation.

Commissioner Renteria moved to return from Public Comment, seconded by Commissioner Burns. Motion passed unanimously

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

- 1 Discussion and Action: Changes to the Agenda

No changes

- 2 Information, Discussion and Action: Review of the minutes for March 9, 2022

MOTION TO ACCEPT BY COMMISSION BURNS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER NOE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- 3 Information, Discussion and Action: Review of the minutes for March 16, 2022

MOTION TO ACCEPT BY DR. NOE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ESPARZA, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- 4 Information, Discussion and Action: Review of the minutes for March 23, 2022

MOTION TO ACCEPT BY VICE CHAIR CARRILLO, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER VILLA, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- 5 Information and Discussion: Updates on Board administration and Public Comment submitted electronically

Ms. Karina Bragalla made a note regarding the minutes going forward. Also noted the Council date for work session on April 11, as well as posting format and documentation

Commissioner Renteria asked how many items were on the Council agenda

Ms. Bragalla responded with the work session schedule and format

Commissioner Esparza commented that the maps that had been sent out via email looked different from the ones the Commission had worked on at the previous session

Ms. Bragalla clarified the content of the maps

Colonel Burns asked a question regarding Commission attendance at the Council work session

Ms. Bragalla responded that it was an open session

Mr. Russel Abeln responded that it should be posted, unsure if the Commission would be disbanded at that point

Ms. Bragalla clarified the process for disbanding the Commission

Colonel Burns clarified his view of his role

Ms. Bragalla noted that during the last redistricting the Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission were present

Mr. Kevin Smith noted that the Chair would be the official spokesperson of the Commission, commissioners could speak as public comment

Commissioner Renteria asked for the final decision deadline by City Council

Ms. Bragalla responded that May 8 would be the deadline, final council date would be April 26

- 6 Information, Discussion, and Action: Drafting and Selection of District Plans, to include review and approval of the recommendation report to City Council

Chair Bartlett noted some edits that had been made to the draft of the report

Ms. Bragalla pulled up the document for review, noted a staff recommendation

Mr. Abeln noted some differences in language for criteria, recommended an edit on those grounds

Colonel Burns asked for clarification

Mr. Abeln clarified the recommendation

Vice Chair Carrillo commented on the language

Staff and the Commission made edits to the language

Commissioner Renteria commented on language regarding Districts 8 and 1, language regarding public submittals
Commissioner Renteria commented on language regarding the number of maps edited
Ms. Brasgalla responded
Commissioner Renteria responded
Chair Bartlett responded

Commissioner Esparza commented asking to remove the fourth map in the document that were being advanced
Chair Bartlett responded
Commissioner Esparza responded
Colonel Burns agreed with Commission Esparza, made another comment on language regarding compactness and precinct splits
Staff and Commissioners made edits to that language

Commissioner Renteria commented regarding the four maps in the document, suggested an explanation
Colonel Burns responded advocating for removing the fourth map that was not being removed
Commissioner Renteria responded
Commissioner Villa made a suggestion
Chair Bartlett asked for consensus
Staff and Commissioners removed the fourth map that was not being advanced

Vice Chair Carrillo asked a question about precinct splits
Colonel Burns responded
Ms. Brasgalla noted that all the maps had precinct splits, listed those splits
Colonel Burns commented on the language around the splits
Chair Bartlett made a suggestion on language for the splits
Ms. Brasgalla responded
Colonel Burns commented
Chair Bartlett responded
Staff and Commissioners made edits on the precinct split language

Chair Bartlett asked if there were further comments, hearing none asked for a motion to accept the report as edited

COMMISSIONER RENTERIA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AS EDITED. DR. NOE SECONDED, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

7 Discussion: Identify Items for Future Agendas

Ms. Brasgalla reviewed the items she would be posting

DR. NOE MOTIONED TO ENTER PUBLIC COMMENT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER VILLA. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

8 Adjournment

Colonel Burns commented, thanking the Chair, Vice Chair, staff, and the public

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO MOTIONED TO ADJOURN, COMMISSIONER VILLA SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 5:10 PM