October 10, 2001, Public Meeting Minutes
Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission

October 10, 2001, 8:30 a.m.
Public Hearing; Minutes of the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission
Sheraton Phoenix Airport Hotel, 1600 South 52nd Street, Tempe, Arizona

Commissioners present: Chairman Steven W. Lynn; Vice Chairman Andi Minkoff; Commissioner James R. Huntwork; Commissioner Joshua M. Hall; Commissioner Daniel R. Elder.

Staff present: Amy Rezzonico, Press Information Officer; Lou Jones, IRC Staff; Cindy Le, IRC Staff; Kristina Gomez, IRC Staff; and Paul Cullor, IRC Staff.
Counsel: Lisa T. Hauser and Jose de Jesus Rivera.
Also present: Lisa A. Nance, RPR, CCR, court reporter with Atwood Reporting.
Consultants Present: Alan Heslop; Florence Adams; Marguerite Leoni; Doug Johnson; Chris Hutchison; Marion Porch; and Tim Johnson.

Agenda Item I: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Lynn at 8:30 a.m.

Agenda Item III: Public Comment.

At the beginning of the day the public was given an opportunity to speak. Speakers for the day were:

Kirk Adams
Mayor Joe Donaldson
Frank Seanez
Chuck Gray
Patricia Oldrayd
Gary Pierce
Chuck Daggs
Hugh Hallman
Mark Thompson
Speaker Edward T. Begay
Neil Wake
Louise Daggs
Attorney General Rodolfo Mares

Agenda Item IV (Cont’d):

Legislative mapping was addressed first. Handouts were given to the Commissioners. The public was told that staff was making copies as quickly as possible for the audience. It was clarified that base map 3G was being worked off.
Mr. Johnson, of NDC, began the presentation. He started with District Y and the Pascua Yaqui, indicating he had misspoke on Monday when requesting that the Pascua Yaqui be placed in the border district and wanted to request they be put back.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to move the boundary of West Tucson Boulevard, East Tucson Boulevard, move it west to Winsett.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to move the areas in Valencia slightly north, a mile south into AA, as offset for populations in the area to the north of South Tucson.

Motion was made, seconded to move Rita Ranch from CC to DD, to offset the areas to the north of the Pantano River being used to offset the population shift. Motion was amended and seconded to include smoothing of the area east of Stella to the half-mile road, secondary arterial, smooth the area, use a slight population shift to DD, or Stella as a half-mile street. Motion was further amended to remove the smoothing and the Stella line. Vote was taken on the motion unamended and carried.

Motion was made and died for lack of a second that in the Flowing Wells area the Commission extend District Z along the River Road alignment to Oracle Road slightly to Prince and back as shown to the freeway.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that in light of the fact one of the redistricting principles is unification of municipalities and communities of interest, that Quartzsite be combined and placed in District X creating a small population deviation of .47.

Motion was made, seconded and carried for a more sophisticated data run to be done on the Phoenix Metropolitan configuration shown. Motion was amended, seconded and carried to specify Districts H through P are to be sent to for the additional sophisticated testing.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to take portion of map E affecting the Northern District and overlay it on map G, test it, and see the ripple effect.
Motion was made, seconded and carried to complete and test and look at test H merging it with the rural concepts of test E to the extent possible.

Motion was made, seconded and carried pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(4) and 38-431.03(A)(3) to go into Executive Session.

Whereupon Public Open session was recessed and the Commission went into Executive Session from 4:05 to 5:43 p.m. at which time a recess was taken until 6:05 p.m. when Public Session resumed.

The Chairman announced two issues yet to be discussed on the Legislative map for this round, the Northern District and District Z. In addition, individual Commissioners may have issues to raise. District BB was added to the list.

Motion was made and then requested to be held the consultants be instructed to examine the alternatives and make a recommendation as to whether adjustments with BB and DD would improve competitiveness or how they suggest the Commission try to make BB a competitive district.

Agenda Item III: Call to the public. A second call to the public was made. No one requested an opportunity to speak.

Agenda Item VII: Future Meetings.

The next meeting will be 10-11-01 at the same hotel but was indicated it would start in the Arizona Room beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Agenda Item IV (Cont’d): Discussion of the Northern District.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that the testing ordered reflect combination of the Hopi and Navajo Tribes. This would be test E on G.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that for the testing ordered for test H that it reflect combination of the Hopi and Navajo Tribes.
Motion was made, seconded and agreed to to test E, putting the Northern District from test E on map G, Hopi included on map H.

Discussion moved to the Southern portion of the state and District Z.

A desire to explore ways to increase a competitive district BB from a trade with DD were discussed, and other alternatives. Mr. Johnson indicated he understood the direction he was to take to bring back for review.

Agenda Item VII: Future Meetings. Discussion was had that 10-11-01 would begin with hearing results of tests ordered on the Congressional Districts. It was indicated that Legislative may not be readdressed until late Thursday or Friday.

Agenda Item VIII: Recess or adjournment.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. to reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on 10-11-01 at the same hotel.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Nance