August 17, 2001, Public Meeting Minutes
Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission

August 17, 2001, 8:00 a.m.
Public Hearing; Minutes of the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission
DoubleTree Resort, 445 South Alvernon Way, Tucson, 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: Executive Director Adolfo Echeveste; Amy Rezzonico, Press Information Officer; Lou Jones, 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; Marion Porch; and Tim Johnson.

Agenda Item I: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Lynn at 8:00 a.m.

Agenda Item II and X: Public Comment.
At the beginning and end of the day the public was given an opportunity to speak. Speakers for the day (all sessions) were:

Edward T. Begay
Gini McGirr
Ben Anderson
Steve Gallardo
Gary Bohnee

Agenda Item III (Cont’d):
Dr. Adams reported that NDC had two presentations to make to the Commission as a result of the work done overnight, one on a test on the Legislative plan, what is called the horizontal test for districts P and V in Maricopa County, and a presentation by Chris Hutchison regarding the results of the Commission’s instructions on the Legislative plan, the full Draft Legislative Plan.

NDC made a presentation regarding the horizontal test for districts P and V to the Commission after which no instructions to pursue this method were made.

NDC made a presentation to the Commission regarding the results of their instructions covering the entire new Legislative Draft Plan.
Motion was made, seconded and carried to make direct NDC to make the additions to Districts V and T, as clarified, population going from District E around the south and up the west side of the Phoenix area and shifting in that manner.

Motion was made and died for lack of a second to combine Eastern Pinal with Western Pinal or, for lack of a better, kind of an L shape, bringing Eastern Pinal over with Western Pinal, the additional population, and ripple the population internally pursuant to Commissioner Huntwork’s comments on the record regarding Tucson.

Motion was made, seconded, and failed three to two to instruct the consultants to present the Commission with a predraft map considering the ramifications in detail of “option four” regarding Pinal County and the Tucson area.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to direct the consultants to develop the option as described with Cochise County and Pinal County modifications to sustain the five districts within the Tucson metropolitan area and come back to the Commission with the ramifications of that option.

Lunch break was taken.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt the map as shown with E and K along equal population lines, the understanding being the consultants will come back after dinner displaying the map, with the changes made, to the Commission.

Dinner recess was taken.

NDC returned and presented handouts and made a report to the Commission on the new changes made as directed.

Motion was made, seconded and carried approving the Draft Legislative Map.

The Commission now has two adopted Draft Maps, one Congressional and one Legislative.

Each Commissioner identified to the consultants specific areas they would like NDC to start working on for options in areas where the specific Commissioners recognize the Draft Map to have problem areas for which they would like immediate work to be begun on or which they are offering alternatives to look at solutions for.
Future Meetings: The schedule was discussed. Revisions to the proposed schedule were discussed.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt the amended original schedule two as reflected with the changes made as shown on the board before the Commissioners: NDC report to be available to the Commissioners on 9/21. Between 9/21 and 9/28 a report is to be received from counsel. Beginning 9/28 individual Commissioner meetings are to begin ending 10/1. The first session of business meetings for adoption of the Final Maps will commence 10/2 to run through 10/6, minimum, as projected.

Discussion was had about the competitive analysis and the lateness of the hour.

Motion was made and seconded to instruct counsel to provide the Commission, at the earliest opportunity, a written report on the competitive analysis information and, if necessary, another meeting be convened to discuss results of the report and take appropriate action after counsel has made a report, taken time to prepare a report carefully and Commissioner Huntwork has been able to consider it carefully. Motion was AMENDED that the competitive analysis information be distributed “right this minute, immediately, as soon as it’s available.” The amended motion failed three to two.

Recess taken.

Second call to the public. (See Agenda Item II above)

Recess was taken.

Competitive Analysis Information Report:

A report was made to the Commission on the Quick and Dirty competitive analysis method. Dr. Lisa Handley and Dr. Michael McDonald, experts in racial block voting that have been retained to assist on technical matters, were discussed. The type of races that the Quick and Dirty is run on was explained. The results after running this on the Congressional Draft Map were presented. Legislative results were passed out as well. Judge It analysis was discussed and its more extensive nature of information.

Motion was made and died for lack of a second that NDC be instructed to simply provide alternatives with respect to the Congressional map with respect to competitiveness in the handout the Commissioners received.
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Motion was made, seconded, and failed three to two to ask NDC to make a preliminary analysis of the numbers as conceptual and provide back information at the same level of detail and hear some concepts the Commission should consider for the Congressional map.

Chairman Lynn stated, after defeat of the motion and lengthy discussion of the Commission, “It is the sense of the Commission notwithstanding defeat of the motion we should, the consultants and the Commission, proceed with this and other information as it becomes available and consider competitiveness as we move forward in all of our deliberations on any changes that may be contemplated or any suggestions made by the public, that there is agreement on that whether we have a motion to that or not.”

Whereupon the meeting concluded at 8:46 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Nance