

Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

9:30 A.M.

Location

State Library Conference Room
1700 West Washington, Suite 200
1938 Addition, Historic Capitol
Phoenix, Arizona

Attending

Colleen C. Mathis, Chair
Jose M. Herrera, Vice Chair
Scott Day Freeman, Vice Chair
Linda C. McNulty, Commissioner
Richard P. Stertz, Commissioner

Raymond F. Bladine, Executive Director
James E. Barton II, Assistant Attorney General

Meeting Summary

1. Call to Order
 - The meeting was called to order at 9:50 A.M. by Chairman Mathis followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - There was a quorum present.
 - Any member of the public wishing to speak was requested to fill out a public comment form and submit it to the Chair.

2. Call for Public Comment
 - Steve Muratore, publisher, Arizona Egalitarian
 - i. Expressed a concern over accuracy having noticed typographical errors in the biographies of certain Commissioners on the Commission web site. He also noticed that the name Forst was spelled in two different ways on Commission Agendas.
 - ii. The Arizona Competitive Districts Coalition has set up a mapping tool and launched a contest to see who can best incorporate all six criteria of redistricting.
 - iii. When will web streaming be available?

3. Executive Director Report
 - Buck Forst will begin work in the Information Technology Specialist position on Monday, May 9, 2011.

- The equipment needed to stream the Commission meetings is on order and expected soon.
 - No administrative staff has yet been appointed. It is anticipated that the appointment of the appropriate staff will eliminate the typographical errors that have appeared.
 - A visit of the Evans House was conducted to evaluate the facility and the best layout for the staff and visiting public. The Surplus Property warehouse is being checked for available furniture. Basic necessities to get operational will be the immediate focus. Card readers will be installed at the entrance and a security camera will be added for the building. Telephone numbers have already been received but the telephone instruments are still pending.
 - A meeting was held with the Executive Director of the former Commission.
 - A meeting was also held with Ken Clark of the Arizona Competitive Districts Coalition.
4. Discussion and Possible Action on Retaining a Deputy Executive Director
- Mr. Bladine put forth a proposal to appoint Kristina Gomez as Deputy Executive Director. The justification to fill the position during a hiring freeze has been approved by Scott Smith, Director, Arizona Department of Administration.
 - The proposal noted that because of her extensive background in outreach programs and knowledge of state processes and systems, it may not be necessary to appoint as many full time employees. It is anticipated more part time employees can be appointed on-site with a core group traveling throughout the state.
 - **Commissioner Stertz made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Herrera to appoint Kristina Gomez as the Deputy Executive Director of the Commission. All being in favor the motion carried.**
5. Approval of the April 8, 2011 Minutes and the April 8, 2011 Minutes in the form of a Transcript and April 13, 2011 Minutes in the form of a Transcript
- Commissioner Freeman distributed a copy of the original April 8, 2011 minutes and a copy of the minutes revised in format and style like the Phoenix minutes. Commissioner Freeman recommended that approval of these minutes be tabled until such time as the Commissioners have had time to review them.
 - **Commissioner Herrera made a motion to table the April 8, 2011 minutes until such time as the Commissioners have had time to review them. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion and all being in favor the motion passed.**
 - **Commissioner Herrera made a motion to table the April 14, 2011 minutes until the transcripts have been received. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Freeman. All were in favor and the motion carried.**
6. Discussion and Possible Action to Amend the Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2011 in the Public Section
- Discussion centered on amending the minutes to add the word “not” in front of the word “like” in the public comment section, comments by Steve Muratore.
 - **Commission Stertz made a motion to insert the word “not” in front of the word “like” in the public comment section, comments by Steve Muratore. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Herrera. All being in favor the motion carried.**

- The above action triggered further discussion on posting draft minutes. Mr. Bladine and Mr. Barton will discuss these postings in light of the requirements of open meeting laws.
7. Agenda Items and Dates of Future Meetings
- Scheduled meeting dates are:
 - i. Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 9:00 in Phoenix
 - ii. Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 9:30 A.M. in Tucson
 - Agenda items:
 - i. Legal Services
 - ii. Mapping Consultants
 - All meeting information is available at www.azredistricting.org
8. The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract matters relating to hiring mapping consultants.
9. The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract matters relating to hiring legal consultants.
- **There was a motion by Commissioner McNulty, seconded by Commissioner Stertz that the Commission go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract matters relating to hiring mapping consultants and legal consultants. All being in favor, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.**
 - **On a motion by Commissioner Stertz, seconded by Commissioner Herrera and all being in favor, the meeting was brought back to order at 3:50 P.M.**
 - It was agreed that Commissioner McNulty will aggregate all comments from the Commissioners into a single document on mapping services. She will send her document to Commissioner Freeman for review. Commissioner Freeman will send the final document to Mr. Bladine to forward on to the full Commission.
 - Chairman Mathis announced the Commission's work on a mapping consultant led the Commissioners to revising the previously established meeting schedule. The new meeting schedule is as follows:
 - i. May 10, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in Tucson
 - ii. May 12, 2011 at 9:30 A.M. in Phoenix
 - iii. May 26, 2011 at 9:30 A.M. in Phoenix
 - Agenda items:
 - i. Possible presentation by the Solicitor General
 - ii. Legal Services
 - iii. Mapping Consultants
 - **Commissioner Freeman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McNulty that a Telephonic Executive Session be held on Friday, May 6, 2011 on revisions to the mapping Request for Proposals. All were in favor and the motion carried.**
10. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 P.M.

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