

Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission

Friday, June 24, 2011

9:04 a.m.

Location

Executive Tower - Pharmacy Board Meeting Room 312
1700 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Attending

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

Mary O'Grady, Counsel
Joe Kanefield, Counsel
Raymond F. Bladine, Executive Director
Kristina Gomez, Deputy Executive Director
Buck Forst, Information Technology Specialist
Ana Garcia, Assistant

Minutes¹

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Chairperson Mathis, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.
- Any member of the public desiring to speak was requested to fill out a public comment form and submit it to the Executive Director.
- Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.
- Acknowledgement and thanks to legal counsel was expressed, as well as to the AIRC executive staff.

¹ A copy of the searchable meeting transcript can be found on the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission's website: www.azredistricting.org.

Recognition Presentation

- Jim Barton of the Arizona Attorney General’s Office was thanked for his service and counsel to the Commission to date, and was awarded a plaque.

Call for Public Comment

- Chairperson Mathis called for public comment.
- The following speakers, and their affiliation, presented on the following topics to the Commission. Each speaker’s full and complete verbatim presentation is available in the public meeting transcript:
 - Andi Minkoff, former AIRC Commissioner, spoke on competitive districts, mapping consultants.
 - Shirl Lamonna, representing the Overlook Group, spoke on the selection of legal counsel.
 - Kenneth Moyes, representing Citizens for Common Sense Redistricting, spoke on mapping companies and presented a document.
 - Don Nevins, representing Men of The Bean, spoke on fairness in redistricting and provided a map prepared by the Men of The Bean.
 - Lynn St. Angelo, representing herself, spoke on the recordings of Commission meetings and meeting minutes
 - Michael Liburdi, an attorney representing Fair Trust, spoke on mapping services RFP.
 - Honorable James Kraft, former state legislator, representing Arizona citizens, spoke on “The Cube.”

Interviews of Mapping Consultants

- Chairperson Mathis asked that presenters and their staff sequester themselves from the proceedings during the presentation of competing mapping consultants to provide fairness.
- Jean Clark, Director of SPO, first gave a general overview that the nature of the interviews is for further clarification and exploration in regard to the proposals already submitted, which are confidential information. She further reminded the Commissioners to remain consistent in their consideration in regards to the evaluation factors that were stated in the request for proposal, and to stay focused on the issues each individual offeror presents.
- Chairperson Mathis thanked the SPO and its staff for their assistance.

- Vice-Chair Freeman asked if presenters would be giving an initial presentation, and Ms. Clark explained the protocol.
- The following mapping consulting firms gave detailed, technical presentations to the Commission. Each firm was asked questions by the Commission at the conclusion of their initial presentation, and all were thanked by the Commission for their presentations.
- Each company and each speaker’s full and complete verbatim presentation is available in the public meeting transcript:
 - Research Advisory Services, Tony Sissons
 - National Demographics Corporation, Doug Johnson
 - Strategic Telemetry, Ken Strasma
 - TerraSystems Southwest, Howard Ward and Cheryl Thurman

Following the interview of National Demographics Corporation, a lunch recess was taken from 1:53 p.m. to 2:31 p.m.

Public Session Resumed at 2:31 p.m. with the interview of Strategic Telemetry.

Call for Public Comment

- Chairperson Mathis called for further public comment.
- The following speakers, and their affiliation, presented on the following topics to the Commission. Each speaker’s full and complete verbatim presentation is available in the public meeting transcript:
 - Andrew Sanchez, Council Member, Town of Guadalupe, spoke on the Town of Guadalupe’s desire to be involved in the mapping process.
 - Ken Clark, Co-Chair of Arizona Competitive Districts Coalition, spoke on the Coalition’s on-line mapping tool and asked to be able to present further information regarding that tool at a subsequent meeting.
 - Michael Liburdi, an attorney representing Fair Trust, spoke on the mapping vendor applicants and potential bias, Mr. Liburdi provided documents regarding certain campaign contributions to be included in the record.
 - Steve Muratore, Publisher of Arizona EagleTarian, spoke on the timing of vote on map consultant.

Discussion on Evaluation of Responses to the Mapping Consultant RFP

- A motion was made by Commissioner McNulty to go into executive session to talk with State Procurement about the confidential documents, and also to obtain legal advice.
 - Vice-Chair Herrera seconded the motion.
 - The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission entered into Executive Session at 5:08 p.m.

Public Session resumed at 5:44 p.m.

- Mapping Consultants were once again thanked on their presentations, as well as the SPO staff for all their efforts.
- Scheduling of following meetings was briefly discussed.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 5:46 p.m.