

## Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission

Thursday, June 30, 2011

1:14 p.m.

### Location

Pima Community College – District Office  
4905 E. Broadway Boulevard  
Building C, Room #105  
Tucson, AZ 85709

### Attending

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

Raymond F. Bladine, Executive Director  
Kristina Gomez, Deputy Executive Director  
Buck Forst, Information Technology Specialist  
Mary O’Grady, Counsel, Osborn Maledon

### Minutes<sup>1</sup>

#### Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 1:14 p.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.
- Roll call was done – a quorum was present.
- Legal counsel, Mary O’Grady, was acknowledged.

#### Call for Public Comment

- Chairperson Mathis indicated a court reporter was present, as well as Mary O’Grady, Counsel.
- Chairperson instructed those speaking in the public forum to spell their name for the record and limit their comments to three minutes.

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of the searchable meeting transcript can be found on the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission’s website: [www.azredistricting.org](http://www.azredistricting.org).

- 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:
  - Daniel Patterson, State Representative for LD29, expressed his appreciation to the Commission for coming to Tucson and spoke on competitive districts.
  - Kenneth Moyes, Representing Citizens for Commonsense Redistricting, spoke on the selection of the mapping consultant and requested that Chairperson Mathis be served written notice in preparation for removal by the Governor.
  - David Cashion, Representing Citizens for Commonsense of Redistricting, spoke on the letter of the law.
  - Vicki Davis, Representing Self and CCSR, spoke on meeting minutes and adequate notice of meetings.
  - Don Nevins, of Men of the Bean, spoke on the selection of the mapping consultant.
  - Ed Johnson, Representing Self, spoke on objectivity.
  - Bill Roe, Representing Self, spoke on competitive districts in Pima County and Southern Arizona.
  - Gary Gomez, Representing Self, spoke on the selection of the mapping consultant.
  - Gini Crawford, Representing Self, spoke on the selection of the mapping consultant.
  - Lynn Wildblood, Representing Self, spoke on the selection of the mapping consultant.
  - Keith Rollinson, Representing Self, spoke on the selection of the mapping consultant.
  - Rick Meyer, Representing Private Citizen, spoke on the selection of the mapping consultant.
  - Christine Bauserman, Representing Tanque Verde Valley and CCSR, spoke on communities of interest in Tanque Verde and the LD30 lines.
  - Beverly Lockwood, resident of Tanque Verde Valley, spoke in agreement with Ms. Bauserman and on the selection of the mapping consultant.
  - Lynn St. Angelo, Representing Self, spoke on importance of public input and the selection of the mapping consultant.
  - Raquel Cook, Representing Self, spoke on the selection of the mapping consultant.
  - Frank Olivieri, Representing Pima County Tea Party Patriots, spoke on the selection of the mapping consultant.
  - Peter Bengtson, Representing Self, spoke on the importance of competitive districts.

- Carolyn Cox, Representing Tucson Conservative Forum, spoke on the selection of the Chairperson of the Commission.
- Don Wooley, Representing Self, presented a map for congressional districts with supporting data and spoke on the selection of the mapping consultant.
- Ed Slentz, Representing Self, spoke on the selection of the mapping consultant.
- Mona Moehring, from PC227, Representing Chula Vista Villas HOA, spoke on the selection of the mapping consultant.
- Shirl Lamonna, Representing Overlook Group, spoke on the selection of the mapping consultant.
- Dee Pfeiffer, Representing Self, spoke on the selection of the mapping consultant.
- Payton Davies, Representing Self, spoke on the selection of the mapping consultant.
- Alex Bissett, Representing Sun City Vistoso, spoke on the selection of the mapping consultant.
- James Cook, Representing Self, indicated that he does not believe the Commission is doing the right thing.
- Mohur Sidhwa, Representing Self, spoke on competitive districts.
- Onita Davis, Representing Tucson Smart Girl Politics, spoke on the selection of the mapping consultant.
- Bill Yarnell, Representing Self, spoke on competitive districts.
- James Kelley, Chairman of LD29, Pima COP, spoke on the selection of the mapping consultant, competitive districts, and the borders of LD29.
- Steven Dotson, Representing Self, spoke on the selection of the mapping consultant.
- Geri Ottoboni, Representing NETOT (Network of Tucson), spoke on the selection of the mapping consultant.
- Shirley Cooney, Representing Self, spoke on fairness in redistricting.
- Donald Spann, Representing Jennifer Rawson, read a letter from Ms. Rawson regarding her community of interest, the Harrison Hills Homeowners Association.
- Jack Heald, Representing LD26 GOP, spoke on the selection of the mapping consultant.
- Merritt McGlothlin, Representing Sun City Vistoso, spoke on an independent redistricting process.
- Joe Boogaart, Representing Self, spoke on importance of open meetings.

- Linda White, Representing Precinct 326, spoke on the selection of the mapping consultant.
- Chris Bubany, Representing Self, spoke on communities of interest and the selection of the mapping consultant.
- Dianna Lebrecht, Representing Self, spoke on the importance of listening to the people.
- Barny Brenner, Representing Self, spoke to conflicts of interest.
- Curtis Dutiel, Representing Self, spoke on the selection of the mapping consultant.
- David Higuera, Representing Self, spoke on the selection of the mapping consultant and competitive districts.
- Maria Apodaca, Representing Self, spoke on faith in the system and spoke on the selection of the mapping consultant.
- Brandon Patrick, Representing Self, spoke on the selection of the mapping consultant.
- Cruz Moran, Representing Self, spoke on communication with the public.
- Lee Cornelison, spoke on being unbiased.
- Frank Rice, Representing Self, spoke on the selection of the mapping consultant and listening to the people.
- Shelby Hawkins, Representing Self, spoke on the importance of listening to the people.
- Randy Graf, Representing Self, spoke on the schedule.
- Matt Kopec, Representing Self, spoke on the selection of the mapping consultant and importance of competitiveness.
- Barry Kirschner, Representing Self, spoke on importance of competitive districts.

### **Responses to Public Comments**

- Chairperson Mathis responded to the criticism regarding the selection of the mapping consultant.
- Commissioner McNulty responded to the criticism regarding the selection of the mapping consultant.
- Commissioner Stertz responded to the criticism regarding the selection of the mapping consultant.
- Vice Chair Freeman responded to the criticism regarding the selection of the mapping consultant.
- Vice Chair Herrera responded to the criticism regarding the selection of the mapping consultant.
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A recess was taken at 3:50 p.m.

Public Session resumed at 4:12.

### **Executive Director's Report**

- Sheets were distributed to the Commission listing the appropriations for the current year and a budget to track expenditures and make changes.
  - \$3 million for the 2012 fiscal year and \$500,000 for 2011.
  - \$100,000 has been spent so far this year out of the \$500,000 that was appropriated.
  - Carryover balance of approximately \$400,000 to be added to the \$3 million next year.
- Budget projection for the 2012 fiscal year is estimated at \$2.5 million.
- Funds were set aside to hire temporary staff to go out to the hearings to help with setups and greet at satellite locations.
- Budget will be updated at the end of each month.
- All staff should be in place within the next two weeks so that training can be done before the public hearings start.
- PIO position needs to be filled. Subcommittee could be created to interview applicants. Vice Chair Herrera prefers not to be involved in the interview process. Commissioner Stertz would like to be involved in the interview process.
- Manpower may be used to fill one of the office positions.
- Solid meetings for three weeks statewide. Requested that one Commissioner be at each meeting.
- Need to secure facilities that can handle some of the internet functions.
- Expenditures of the last commission were \$3.523 million of their \$6 million appropriation.
- Need to work with the mapping company before approving a meeting schedule.
- Date(s) of future meeting
  - Scheduled for Thursday, July 7, 2011 – time and venue have not been determined.
  - Subsequent meeting scheduled for Friday, July 8, 2011 – time and venue have not been determined.
  - Suggested that both meetings take place at the same location.
- Staff has been working with legal counsel to look at some firms that specialize in receiving public input and categorizing it so that they can be researched. No decision has been made yet until it is clear what the mappers can do.

- Staff has been working with the legal staff so they can look at submissions to the Department of Justice.
- Commissioner Stertz raised concern that no minutes have been distributed, reviewed or approved and put into the record for the last almost a month-and-a-half.
- Executive Director Ray Bladine responded that Anna Garcia was added to staff last week – minutes will be one of her projects and that its system is in place with the legal team for review of the minutes. Once approved by legal, minutes will be posted on the website.

#### **Agenda Items**

- Commissioner Stertz moved that Items IV, V, and VI be moved to subsequent meeting.
  - Vice Chair Herrera seconded the motion.
  - The motion passed unanimously.
- Suggested by Ray Bladine that legal team give a briefing on those laws that pertain to redistricting.
- Update on status of contract with mapping company.

Meeting was declared adjourned at 4:40 p.m.