

August 16, 2001, 9:30 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; Cindy Le, IRC Staff; 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 9:30 a.m.

Agenda Item II and X: Public Comment.

At the beginning, at a break mid-day, and end of the day the public was given an
opportunity to speak. Speakers for the day (all sessions) were:

Representative Marion Pickens
Salomon R. Baldenegro
Frank Seanez
Dora Vasquez
Representative Mark Clark
Carol Shearer
Walker Smith
Richard E. Green
Richard G. Salaz
Ron Kingsbury
Councilperson Bob Mitchell
Jim Pederson
Steve Gallardo
Carlos Galoun Salaz
Jim Hartdegen
Anne Murray
Gary Bohnee
Cecilia Cruz
Salomon R. Baldenegro (a second time)
Frank Seanez (a second time)

Bill Dupont
Walker Smith
Paul Mackey
Steve Gallardo (a second time)
Senator Ken Bennett (via written submission incorporated within the verbatim transcript)

Agenda Item III: Presentation by NDC, discussion and possible decision concerning development and adoption of draft Congressional and Legislative maps.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that the Congressional draft maps be accepted as they presently exist.

Recess was taken.

It was pointed out that the individual Commissioners had had an opportunity to individually meet with NDC and give input between the last meeting and today's.

Dr. Heslop reported that NDC had a Power Point presentation to make to the Commission. Dr. Heslop apologized to the Commission in advance for the fact that the lettering designation of the districts at this point was becoming "alphabet soup" and that they would be requesting an instruction after the changes are made after this meeting to bring a new logic to the lettering.

Marguerite Leoni assisted in the presentation regarding voting rights and Doug Johnson on map detail.

Motion was made, seconded and tabled to the afternoon the Commission instruct the consultants to show them what they could achieve if they attempted to unite the historic district, or the essence of the historic district, with a nonminority-majority district, probably to the north, and consolidate the Hispanic AUR in the South Phoenix AUR into four majority-minority districts.

Motion was made, seconded and carried for adjustment of the inclusion of the Hopis within the northern district and excluding Golden Valley and Dolan Springs.

Recess was taken.

The Legislative map, interactive, was addressed after the recess focusing first on the Phoenix Historic area.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt the changes reflected in the Phoenix area.

Scottsdale and Tempe were the next areas addressed by NDC and the Commission.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt the change presented and include as much of Tempe in one district as possible.

NDC showed the Northern District with the changes incorporated.

Motion was made, seconded and WITHDRAWN to add the identified Census tract near Flagstaff originally left out of the Northern District that would add 1,052 Native Americans to that district.

Chairman Lynn noted that the Commission had already voted to adopt the Northern District as modified.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to present the portion of the plan as shown as part of the Commission's draft plan after discussing the Northern District and the Options, ie "division of Flagstaff or annihilation of EACO." "This portion" being the division of Flagstaff option.

Pinal County and Pima County were focused on by NDC and the Commission and discussed.

Recess taken.

Agenda Item V: Personnel matter regarding Adolfo Echeveste.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that Mr. Echeveste's salary be adjusted to \$95,000 per year annualized with the effective date of the motion to be the first full pay period (believed to be today, 8-16-01).

Motion was made, seconded and carried that legal counsel is instructed there be additional compensation for additional expenses he's incurred by reason of the rapid pace and extreme distances that his job requires. It was clarified that this is a reimbursement matter, not compensation, an expense reimbursement mechanism to be commensurate with the appropriate governing laws and regulations.

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Motion was made and died for lack of a second to delay adoption of a draft map to be given the opportunity to really prepare the plan for Tucson in detail, be given the opportunity to develop the alternative plan for Central Phoenix in detail, and to be given the opportunity to explore alternatives that might solve the problems in Kingman and in Prescott Valley, at least to the point of seeing what other problems that might lead to before a plan is put out for consideration by the citizens of Arizona.

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

Agenda Item III (Cont'd): NDC returned with an updated report on their progress and changes made to the plan as instructed.

Dr. Heslop indicated that they had been working on the Tucson part of the map but that it was not yet complete. He projected that this portion of the map could be ready by 8:00 a.m. by working through the night. NDC showed the Commission the outline of the Tucson plan to make sure they were on the right track.

Agenda Item X: Third call to the public. (See Agenda Item II)

Future Meetings: Next meeting will be August 17, 2001, at 8:00 a.m., same location.

Whereupon, the Commission adjourned at 9:29 p.m. to reconvene at the same location on 8-17-01 at 8:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Nance