

August 9, 2001, 12:00 noon
Public Hearing; Minutes of the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission
The Pointe South Mountain, Phoenix, Arizona 85044

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; Susan Svitak, Administrative Svcs. Officer.

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; Chris Hutchison; Marion Porch; Tim Johnson.

Agenda Item I: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Lynn at 12:00 noon.

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 (both sessions) were:

Paul Eckstein

Frank Seanez

Amber Wakeman

Tom Simplot

Representative Sylvia Laughter

Jim Hartdegen

Steve Owens

Agenda Item III: Discussion and possible approval of the minutes of the Commission's
July 17, 2001, public meeting.

**Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2001
meeting as presented.**

Agenda Item IV: Executive Director's report on current status and revisions.
Discussion and possible decision regarding the Commission's budget.

Executive. Director Adolfo Echeveste:

1. Introduced Susan Svitak, the new Administrative Svcs. Officer who had been announced at the previous meeting.
2. Announced that travel arrangements were finalized for the second round of public hearings and everyone would be contacted during the week with their specifics.
3. Presented the revised budget. Actual expenses for last year through June 30th were presented on one page. The budget, current expenditures and projections through the fiscal year, were on a second handout, two pages in length. Commissioners were asked to peruse the documents during the three-day meeting.

Mr. Echeveste asked for questions. No questions were posed on the Executive Director's Report.

Agenda Item V: Presentation and report by NDC concerning Modified Grid.

The Commission started with the Congressional map.

Dr. Heslop made a Power Point Presentation to the Commission.

Mr. Johnson made a Power Point Presentation to the Commission.

Motion was made, seconded and carried emphasizing that previously the principle communities of interest were determined to be Native Americans, Hispanics, and rural, that the consultants had been asked to make a district that was completely rural and would be instructed to come back to the Commission with a district that is a completely rural Congressional district. NDC is directed to bring to the Commission to purely rural Congressional District for review, one that has a division north-south and another with a division of the state east-west. NDC further clarified whether they were still to keep the division of the Hopi and Navajo in mind with the Commission. They were instructed that as they had not been told to disregard the instruction previously issued to do so, they should and the Commissioners would like them to. In discussion of the motion before the vote NDC was asked to come back with four versions (N-S and E-W, Hopi out and Hopi in on each).

Motion was made, seconded and carried NDC be asked to present a conceptual Congressional map for the Phoenix Metropolitan area, not necessarily Maricopa County, with five districts within that area.

Motion was made and seconded NDC be instructed in redesigning the eight Congressional Districts, that at least three of those districts have a division of population between the two major parties of no more than about five percent.

MOTION AND SECOND WITHDRAWN.

Motion was made, seconded, and defeated that in any readjustment and realignment of districts based on instructions given to NDC by the Commission, that party registration be addressed and considered to minimize wide variations as much as practicable when complying with all other instructions of the Commission.

Recess was taken.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to direct NDC to present maps for review that show possibilities for mapping without maintaining a Hopi and Navajo separation.

Motion was made to make what was being worked on for Northern Arizona a completely rural district. The maker was asked to hold the motion. The motion died for lack of a second.

Presentation was made by NDC on Maricopa County and some of the work Mr. Hutchison had come back with. He first started reporting on the population of Maricopa County and it being .2 million shy of the population for five Congressional districts and where that population could come from. Options were presented.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that NDC be instructed to continue the drafting process leaving District G essentially as it stands with the adjustments that were noted on the record by Ms. Leoni and District H essentially as it stands with the adjustments as noted on the record by Ms. Leoni.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that NDC be instructed, for further consideration and analysis, that they would, for mapping purposes, tomorrow draft the Northern Arizona District similar to what the Commission saw in the initial presentation, including the adjustments recommended by Commissioner Hall wherein NDC remove portions of Mohave County and include the portions of Gila and Pinal in the rural district and including the portions of the two northern reservations.

Motion made, seconded and carried the consultants be asked to offer a recommendation to the Commission as to where the additional .2 million people would most ideally come from in order to complete the districts in the Phoenix Metropolitan area.

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Final call to the public was made. (See Agenda Item II above.)

Whereupon the Commission adjourned at 10:18 p.m. until 8:30 a.m. on August 9, 2001,
at the same location.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Nance