

Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

9:30 a.m.

Location

Town of Oro Valley Council Chambers
11000 N. La Canada Drive
Oro Valley, AZ 85737

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
Kristina Gomez, Deputy Executive Director
Buck Forst, Information Technology Specialist
Mary O'Grady, Counsel, Osborn Maledon
Joe Kanefield, Counsel, Ballard Spahr

Minutes¹

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.
- Roll call was taken, a quorum was present.
- Chairperson Mathis welcomed legal counsel Mary O'Grady and Joseph Kanefield to the meeting and thanked the Town of Oro Valley for hosting the meeting.

Call 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:
 - Kevin Burke, Assistant Town Manager of the Town of Oro Valley, welcomed the AIRC to District 26 and thanked them for their work.

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

- Ralph Kayser, resident of Oro Valley and member of the Tucson Tea Party, spoke about the importance of the concept of keeping communities of interest as a key element of redistricting criteria and urged the Commission not to exclude Saddlebrook from northwest Tucson.
- Onita Davis, an Independent and member of Smart Girl Politics, a non-partisan organization to encourage women to participate in politics, indicated that the lines do not have to drastically change to create equal population, provided a map regarding to community of interests and asked that the Commission take their map into consideration.
- Scott Leska, resident of Oro Valley, indicated that he does not want redistricting lines to change, stating that Eagle Crest, Oro Valley, Catalina, Saddlebrook and northwest Tucson, really have the same like minds politically, economically and culturally.
- Jeff Anderson, representing Legislative District 25, spoke on public access, electronic communication, web presence and open meeting law.
- Curtiss Leroy, representing Precinct 226, addressed the way in which the Commission has or has not exercised its civic responsibility in selecting legal counsel.
- Frank Olivieri, representing Precinct 148 in the unincorporated areas of Pima County, spoke about the criteria for selecting a mapping vendor and the mapping vendor RFP.
- Geri Ottoboni thanked the Commission for having the meeting in Oro Valley and indicated that public notice should be given further in advance of Commission meetings.
- Christine Bauserman, representing Citizens for Common Sense Redistricting, LD30, and for Ken Moyes, spoke on elements of community interest and how they applied to Rita Ranch.
- Tommy Tucker, 2007-08 Pinal County Rep Community, spoke regarding the 31 HOA communities in his district and how they are in tune with the political aspects of Pima County.
- James Kelley, Chairman of Legislative District 29 GOP, representing Pima GOP, presented on his desire that the boundaries change dramatically, detailing the requested expansion.
- Chayah Masters, a member of the Smart Girl Politics and a local realtor, indicted that she hopes the lines do not change much and keeping like-communities together allows retirees to participate in the community.
- Joyce Schulte, owner of Copper Creek Cookies, indicated that this is a good district and everything's going smoothly.

Executive Director's Report

- Executive Director Ray Bladine reported that his office is in the process of beginning the first phase of staffing up the public hearings that will be coming along in July.
- The Commission is receiving applications for a public information officer, and he recently got seven or eight resumes of people that have experience. He plans to have a memo to present next week regarding staffing to see if it will meet the Commission's public information and public hearing desires.
- He had some initial contacts with organizations such as the League of Arizona Cities and Towns and the Community College Districts, which he is following up on. Ideally, he'd like to find locations with internet access so that live streaming can be provided.
- Appropriation for this fiscal year was \$500,000. For next fiscal year, it's \$3 million. Unlike other State departments, that \$500,000 carries over, and he will be meeting with the budget support person to pull together a budget based upon current data. He also took possession of the records of the Commission 10 years ago, 70 boxes from the Secretary of State's Office, that are now stored at the Evans House.
- Mr. Bladine shared that he had a meeting this week with Ken Clark of the Competitiveness Coalition, who has asked to be on one of the future agendas, and who also offered to hand over any of the other documentation or maps that are submitted to them so they can be part of the record. Mr. Bladine also reported that Mr. Clark had no problem with continuing the web page so that the public could have the ability to play around with mapping.
- Vice Chair Freeman questioned whether a budget would be presented at the next meeting and Mr. Bladine responded affirmatively.
- Vice Chair Herrera questioned the purpose of obtaining the records from the previous Commission to the Evans House. Mr. Bladine responded to perhaps see what worked and what didn't work, and to make it much more available for the legal team to take a look at what happened in terms of legal challenges and also the recordkeeping.
- Commissioner Stertz questioned whether an overall public meeting schedule would be published and when. Mr. Bladine responded that he hoped by the end of the next week a draft of the schedule would be available but that he hoped to contact possible locations before making the locations public. Commissioner Stertz also questioned whether the capability exists to collect commentary from the locations where the meetings would be live streaming and Mr. Bladine responded affirmatively, stating that he is hoping to utilize technology as much as possible to have as many sites available to the public in a given geographic area at one time.

Discussion on Evaluation of Responses to the Mapping Consultant RFP

- Chairperson Mathis commented that the mapping RFP was now public, and that seven responses were submitted to the RFP.

- Commissioner Stertz asked what the web site was that it could be reviewed on, to which Chairperson Mathis responded ProcureAZ.gov. Commissioner Stertz identified the responders as: Strategic Telemetry, Research Advisory Services, National Demographics Corporation, Navteq North America, Azavea Incorporated, GIS Southwest, and Terra Systems Southwest.
- There being no other public discussion, Commissioner McNulty moved to go into executive session.
 - Vice Chair Herrera seconded the motion.
 - The motion was unanimously passed.

Public Session recessed at 10:34 a.m. and Executive Session ensued.

Public Session resumed at 3:16 p.m.

- Chairperson Mathis extended the offer to entertain public comment. There being none, Jean Clark, Administrator for State Procurement, was asked to speak regarding the responders to the mapping services RFP.
- Ms. Clark stated that upon initial evaluation of all seven responses, it's recommended at this time that four firms be progressed forward to possibly hold interviews, discussions, and clarifications. Those four firms being: Strategic Telemetry, National Demographics, Research Advisory Services, and Terra Systems Southwest.
- Without objection, Chairperson Mathis suggested to proceed with interviewing those four firms.
- Commissioner Stertz recommended that the Commission tentatively set aside the 24th of June to have interviews at a location yet to be determined in Phoenix, and recommended a morning session of two interviews, and an afternoon session of two interviews, leaving sufficient time between those interviews for recap, consultation, and note taking, and no less than one hour and no more than one and a half hours for the interview process.
- Vice Chair Herrera suggested that public comment be allowed before and after.
- Commissioner McNulty suggested that the Commission should standardize the process as to interview length, opening statement, presentation, software, and the question and answer session. Commissioner Stertz agreed, indicating that he would like to reserve sufficient time for questions and answers. Chairperson Mathis agreed that an allowance for question and answers was important.

Agenda Items and Future Meetings

- Mr. Bladine provided the Commission a calendar of dates available, and various personal schedules were shared and amended to conform to the schedule.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 3:29 p.m.