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Minutes of the Redistricting Advisory Commission Special Meeting-Public Hearing April 25, 2011

The 2011 Redistricting Advisory Commission of the City of San José convened in a Public Hearing session on April 25, 2011 in the Evergreen Community Center at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners De La Rosa, Cobb, Williams, Schoennauer, Flaughter, Shelton, Schumb, De Rollo, Mace, Chirco and Fadness

Absent:

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Upon motion by Commissioner Fadness, seconded by Commissioner Schumb and carried unanimously, the Orders of the Day and the Consent Calendar were approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. February 7, 2011

Action: The minutes were approved.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

4. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Mace reported that over the past few weeks she has talked with business associations, Neighborhood Associations and school district, and has heard the same message articulated which includes the 4 principals she mentioned before which are: (1) respect for existing neighborhood associations and communities of interest and to keep them whole; (2) respect for existing business associations and merchants to try to keep them together; (3) respect for existing school district and keep school sites and do what is possible to and keep them in one district or a maximum of two; and (4), and respect an open and transparent process, they requested to have decisions in public not behind closed doors.

Commissioner Flaughter clarified a question that was brought up in a previous meeting which was "What is Berryessa". He put together a definition which defines that area to better

understand the interests of that area when having discussion. He stated that he also has heard the same 4 principals that Commissioner Mace mentioned in her report.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

Members of the Public are invited to offer their comments, suggestion, and proposals regarding the Redistricting process. Speakers representing an organized group may be given up to five (5) minutes for their presentation and comments; individuals may be given to up to two (2) minutes. Time allotments per speaker are at the discretion of the Chair. Commissioners may ask clarifying questions of any presenter. In addition to oral comments, interested parties are invited to provide written comments prior to, at or following the meeting. All written comments will be distributed to the Commission and posted on the Commission's website. Written comments may be emailed to the Commission at: 2011redistricting@sanjoseca.gov or mailed to the City Clerk at the address shown above.

a. Introductory Comments and Process Overview-Chair

As directed by the Commission, it will review and discuss potential population transfer areas using a process flow model: Council District 7-8-2-10; Council District 3-4-5-8; Council Districts 1-6-9-10. Public Comment may be taken during or following the Commission's discussion at the discretion of the Chair.

- b. Staff Report – information regarding alternative population transfer areas or plans requested by members of the Commission**
- c. Commission questions and discussion of potential population transfer areas or plan:**
Process flows Council Districts 7-8-2-10; Council Districts 3-4-5-8; Council Districts 1-6-9-10
- d. Questions and Comments from the Public**
- e. Commission direction to Staff**

Chair De La Rosa invited those who submitted speaker cards to speak at this time.

Public Comment:

Kathy Gomez the Assistant Superintendent of Ed Services for the Evergreen School District expressed her understanding of the difficulties the Commission faces. She reiterated the concerns that she expressed in a letter to the Commission sent on March 28, 2010 the district serves approximately 13,300 K-8th grade students in 18 schools which are culturally and socio economically diverse and are served by 2 Council districts largely by District 8. She respectfully and formally requested in her letter that the commission ensure that Evergreen School District not exceed 2 Council districts.

Tom Paramo District 8 community roundtable president echoed the comments that Commissioner Mace expressed in her Commissioner report in regards to maintaining the integrity of the neighborhoods intact.

Person talked voiced his concern about transfer areas in district 5 and 8 and talked about those differences.

Carol read a letter on behalf of another community member

Joseph Young a District 4 resident asked the Commission how do they know what the old boundaries are what are their directives.

Carolyn Johnson President of Iola Senior Program located at 7 trees community center talked about the hard work that has gone into the senior program and how they have built a relationship with Councilmember Nguyen. She voiced her concern with moving District 7 into District 2.

Elizabeth Contreras shared her observation of watching seven-tress flourish from a drug infested neighborhood to a place called home. She expressed her disappointment of hearing that District 7 might be displaced, she would like to keep District 7 as is. Yolanda Candelaria expressed her opposition to being moved into another district wants to remain in District 8.

Discussion and process flow exercise continued.

Motion: Commissioner De Rollo motioned to remove transfer areas 7-2a, 7-2aa and 7-2aaa from the map. Commissioner Fadness seconded the motion.

Action: The motion carried unanimously. (11)

Motion: Commissioner Fadness motioned to remove transfer areas 10-9b, 10-9ba and 10-9bb from the map. Commissioner Chirco seconded the motion.

Action: The motion passed. (7-4) (Noes: Schumb, Flaughner, Chirco and Schoennauer)

6. COMMISSION WORKPLAN UPDATE

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the Public are invited to speak on any item that does not appear on today's Agenda and that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Each speaker may be limited to two (2) minutes or less, at the discretion of the Chair.

9. ADJOURN

The Commission adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

RICHARD DE LA ROSA, CHAIR
REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMISSION

ATTEST:
REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMISSION
DENNIS D. HAWKINS, CMC, CITY CLERK

Nora Pimentel, CMC, Sr. Deputy City Clerk