

REDISTRICTING GROUP

November 12, 2021

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 4:00 pm on this date.

Members Present: Barry Clegg (Chair), Jan Sandberg (Vice-Chair), Greg Abbott, Cynthia Callanan, Veronica Cary, Dan Cohen, Jill Garcia, Diana Hawkins, Glen Johnson, Jonathan Christian Kim, Andrew Kozak, Kayseh Mohamud Magan, Jana Metge, Anita Newhouse, Matt Perry, Andrea Rubenstein, Isaac David Russell, Jennifer Schaal, Lyall Schwarzkopf, and Christopher Smith (Quorum - 13)

Members Absent: Peter Ginder (Secretary), David Michael Aron, Lolita Davis Carter, and Toni Newborn

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.021, the meeting was held by electronic means and members and staff participated remotely due to the local public health emergency (novel coronavirus pandemic) declared on March 16, 2020.

Matters listed below are hereby submitted with the following recommendations; to-wit:

1. Roll Call.
2. Adoption of the agenda.

Sandberg moved to adopt. On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Clegg, Sandberg, Abbott, Cary, Cohen, Garcia, Hawkins, Johnson, Kim, Kozak, Magan, Metge, Perry, Rubenstein, Russell, Schaal, and Smith (17)

Absent: Ginder, Aron, Callanan, Davis Carter, Newborn, Newhouse, and Schwarzkopf (7)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

3. Chair's Report.

Chair Clegg shared a question that was submitted by Group Member Kim about how the standard of minor deviation should be interpreted, along with a response from Assistant City Attorney Carol Bachun.

4. 2021-2022 redistricting maps ([CH2021-00029](#))

Approving draft redistricting maps to create a proposed map of ward boundary changes on behalf of the Redistricting Group.

Chair Clegg shared Assistant City Attorney's interpretation of *LaComb v. Growe*, a federal court case from 1982 on the issue of considering incumbent legislators home address in the process of redistricting. Chair Clegg ruled that the Redistricting Group should follow the tenets set forth in this case and consider the home address of incumbents as one component to consider in the redistricting process, along with the already adopted redistricting principles and guidelines.

Cohen challenged the Chair's ruling, on the basis that he disagreed with the Chair's interpretation of this court case. On roll call, the Chair's ruling was sustained.

Aye: Clegg, Sandberg, Abbott, Callanan, Cary, Garcia, Hawkins, Johnson, Kim, Kozak, Magan, Metge, Newhouse, Perry, Rubenstein, Russell, Schaal, Schwarzkopf, and Smith (19)

Nay: Cohen (1)
Abstain: (0)
Absent: Ginder, Aron, Davis Carter, Newborn (4)

Kozak moved to return the boundaries on the draft map to the existing ward boundaries for Wards 4 and 5.

Callanan offered an amendment to Kozak's motion, to include the two blocks southeast of Cleveland park in Ward 4

On roll call, the amendment passed.

Aye: Abbott, Callanan, Cary, Hawkins, Kozak, Magan, Newhouse, Russell, Schaal, and Smith (10)

Nay: Clegg, Sandberg, Cohen, Garcia, Johnson, Metge, Perry, Rubenstein, and Schwarzkopf (9)

Abstain: Kim (1)

Absent: Ginder, Aron, Davis Carter, Newborn (4)

On roll call, Kozak's original motion, as amended, passed.

Aye: Clegg, Sandberg, Abbott, Callanan, Cary, Cohen, Garcia, Hawkins, Johnson, Kim, Kozak, Magan, Metge, Newhouse, Perry, Rubenstein, Russell, Schaal, Schwarzkopf, and Smith (20)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: Ginder, Aron, Davis Carter, Newborn (4)

Callanan moved to include the boundaries of Wards 7,8,9, and 10 from a map submitted by Eric Forste into the draft map.

Due to lack of second, the motion failed.

Perry moved to approve the draft map with lines drawn by consensus. On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Clegg, Sandberg, Garcia, Hawkins, Johnson, Kim, Kozak, Magan, Metge, Newhouse, Perry, Russell, Schaal, Schwarzkopf, and Smith (15)

Nay: Callanan and Cohen (2)

Abstain: Cary (1)

Absent: Ginder, Abbott, Aron, Davis Carter, Newborn, and Rubenstein (6)

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 5:41 pm.

Reported by Maddy Norgard, Clerk