

Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission

Monday, June 6, 2011

10:35 a.m.

Location

Evans House
1100 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Attending

Colleen C. Mathis, Chair (Via Skype)
Jose M. Herrera, Vice Chair (Via Skype)
Scott Day Freeman, Vice Chair
Linda E. McNulty, Commissioner (Via Skype)
Richard P. Stertz, Commission (Via Skype)

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

Meeting Summary

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Chairman Mathis.
- Any member of the public wishing to speak was requested to fill out a public comment form and submit it to the Chair.
- Chairman Mathis indicated a court reporter was present to transcribe the meeting.

Call for Public Comment

- Marilyn Zerull, Representative for Pima County Republican Women's Club (PCRWC), Arizona Egalitarian
 - Expressed concern about the Commission's vote regarding legal representation at the previous meeting, in having two proliberal firms involved in the redistricting.
 - Encouraged Commission to rectify this by choosing to have republican representation.
- Geri Ottoboni, Representative for Network of Tucson (NETOT), Arizona Egalitarian
 - Requested Commission meetings periodically be held in Tucson or at a minimum, have a Skype site to enable people from Tucson to participate in the meetings whether they are held in Phoenix or Tucson.
 - Requested that since three of the commissioners are broadcasting from Tucson on Skype, we use the Skype location in Tucson. If this is put in place, the next meeting announcement would have to give the Tucson location as well as the Phoenix location.
- Leonard Gorman, Representative for the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission, Arizona Egalitarian
 - Implored the Commission that when establishing the community of interest definition, all indigenous nations throughout the State of Arizona would be considered as a community of interest.

- Requested final maps allow these indigenous nations to be in those single districts and not be split when mapping out the districts.
 - The Navajo Nation is looking forward to being in a legislative district that meets the threshold of 63.97 percent Native American population.
 - Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission and the Apache Nations are very interested in coming in unison to the Commission in order to submit a map for the northern region of the State of Arizona.
- As there were no other requests for public comment, the public comment session ended.

General Discussion

- Update from State Procurement Office staff regarding the status of the mapping consultant RFP
 - Jean Clark indicated solicitation amendment went out on Wednesday or Thursday of last week.
 - Due date for proposals was extended to Thursday, June 9, at 3 p.m.
 - ADOA will make disks of the proposals. Goal is to distribute disks late Thursday, Friday, or Saturday at the latest.
 - Nondisclosure agreement releases must be signed so SPO can release those to the Commission when the bid is open.
- Confidential documents associated with evaluation of responses to the mapping consultant RFP and possible action
 - Motion was made by Commissioner McNulty to go into executive session to discuss these confidential documents.
 - The public was excused and the Commission went into Executive Session at 10:47 a.m.
 - Prior to July 6 meeting, it was requested that there be a separate set of minutes for the Executive Session.
- Public session resumed at 11:15 a.m.
 - Chairperson Mathis expressed appreciation to the SPO for their guidance and interest in properly handling the evaluation of the responses to the mapping consultant RFP.
- Date(s) of future meeting(s) and agenda item(s)
 - SCHEDULED meeting date is:
 - Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in Tucson
 - Agenda will be:
 - Evaluate applicant
 - Review the proposal mapping consultant
 - Receive update from Executive Director on technology for allowing public to participate via Skype or video conferencing
 - TENTATIVE FOLLOW-UP meeting date(s) are:
 - Wednesday, June 22, 2011 OR Friday, June 24, 2011
 - Agenda will be:
 - Review responses to the RFP for mapping services
 - All meeting information is available at www.azredistricting.org.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.