

October 8, 2001, Public Meeting Minutes
Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission

October 8, 2001, 8:50 a.m.

**Public Hearing; Minutes of the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission
Sheraton Phoenix Airport Hotel, 1600 South 52nd Street, Tempe, Arizona**

Commissioners present: Chairman Steven W. Lynn; Vice Chairman Andi Minkoff; Commissioner James R. Huntwork; Commissioner Joshua M. Hall; Commissioner Daniel R. Elder.

Staff present: Amy Rezzonico, Press Information Officer; Lou Jones, IRC Staff; Cindy Le, IRC Staff; and Paul Cullor, IRC Staff.

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; and Tim Johnson.

Agenda Item I: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Lynn at 8:50 a.m.

Chairman Lynn addressed the public on the process thus far and the work to come this week.

NDC was asked to begin with a presentation.

Dr. Heslop began with a short report on citizen input from the second round of public hearings.

IRC attorneys made a short presentation to the Commission and public. Mr. Rivera spoke on Voting Rights. Ms. Hauser spoke on competitiveness. Caution was given regarding comparing apples to apples and the variations in differences regarding competitiveness testing.

Agenda Item III: Public Comment.

At the beginning of the day the public was given an opportunity to speak. Speakers for the day were:

Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox
Mayor Joseph C. Donaldson
Eric Emmert
Jim Hartdegen
Frank Seanez

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Agenda Item IV: Possible presentation by NDC and legal counsel, discussion and possible decision concerning alternatives and changes to the draft Congressional and Legislative districts and the development and adoption of final Congressional and Legislative District maps.

NDC began its presentation and the Commission started working on Legislative Districts. Mr. Johnson began with the Power Point presentation.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to instruct the consultants to allow for small deviations when it appears exact equality disrupts communities of interest.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to use 3G with permutations as the base map for moving forward.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the configuration in Y as in draft map G.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that Districts C and D be represented on map G.

Motion was made, seconded and withdrawn, amended/removed and then carried as amended that the Commission accept District A as it is in an effort to look at alternatives, come back with information, but to move forward with that. (Caution was given the public and press that a final decision on the Hopi – Navajo issue had not yet been reached; that the Commission was making an option of wanting to see how other alternatives might affect that option.) The above motion was remade, seconded and carried with the clarification that A would be taken as it stands but the question of taking the Hopi out will be subject to additional tests. Restated, in the same sense as other districts in the southern part of the state have been approved, such as F, District A would be approved as a basic approach. The question of removing the Hopi Reservation remains open. Test 3 is a basic approach, one swap is with B, two is with Holbrook, and three is a swap with Page.

Motion was made, seconded and carried, in discussing Salome and Wenden, assuming not divided right down the middle, they be put in the Northern District, District B, where most of the rest of La Paz County is; that they be placed in the district with Quartzsite, District B.

NDC moved to its presentation on Phoenix.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to make adjustments on O and P relative to concerns of Commissioner Minkoff, look at concerns of minority districts, attempts at equal population, and in the event population deviation is appropriate, to also take that into consideration. Note: The motion was read back to the Commission and NDC clarified the instructions in discussion with the Commission subsequent to the recess mention below.

Recess was taken.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to send out the map for more complete testing in terms of competitiveness for apples and apples comparison, to see the map with Commissioner Elder's changes sent out for its analysis. Specific testing being ordered is for the Metropolitan Phoenix area and District A.

The Legislative Map was gone over by NDC with the Commission. The Commission gave direction to NDC regarding the Legislative map, particularly spending time on the Tucson area. No formal motions were made though general instructions were given. The Phoenix Metropolitan area was also discussed.

It was decided without objection to take the challenges in the Legislative map already there and have NDC come back with a more solid version of the map so that when the Commission is able to make more decisions, they can address more concerns.

Agenda Item VII: Discussion of possible public comment period and future Commission meetings.

Future Meetings: It was announced that several Commissioners would be meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. for Ethics Training, which the public is welcome to attend, but the regular work of the Commission would commence 10-9-01 at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Item VIII: Recess or adjournment.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. at the same location on 10-9-01.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Nance