

August 11, 2001, 8:30 a.m.
Public Hearing; Minutes of the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission
The Pointe South Mountain, Phoenix, Arizona 85044

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

Staff present: Executive Director Adolfo Echeveste; Amy Rezzonico, Press Information Officer; Cindy Le, 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; Marion Porch; Christiana Dominguez; Ian Rudge; and Tim Johnson.

Agenda Item I: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Lynn at 8:57 a.m.

Agenda Item II and X: Public Comment.

At the beginning and end of the day the public was given an opportunity to speak. Speakers for the day (both sessions) were:

Wink Wiess
Frank Seanez
Mel Hannah
Representative Richard Miranda
Pastor Glenn R. Dennard
Rudolfo H. Perez, Jr.
Councilmember Cody Williams
Jose Solarez
Larry Chesley
Jose Solarez

Agenda Item VIII (Cont'd):

NDC was asked to continue their status report and update. Dr. Heslop began with the Legislative plan. Dr. Heslop reported that the evening was not terribly productive and that there were several questions that had required Commission direction in order for the mapping to go forward that had stymied the night's progress.

Dr. Heslop reported that regarding the Congressional plan it was more positive and that the requested changes had been made. A presentation was made to the Commission.

Motion was made, seconded and carried four to one that the draft plan presented by the Commission Congressionally separate the Hopi from the Navajo.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that the Commission allow to relax county integrity criteria to allow for maintaining communities of interest as a whole.

Motion was made, seconded and carried three to two that the Hopi and Navajo be separated Legislatively in the draft plan. (See pg 101,23 to 102,15)

A doctrine amongst the Commission evolved during this session articulated by Chairman Lynn in dealing with the problems raised for the day: Do the least amount of harm. Commissioner Huntwork brought up that that may well be a well-spoken fundamental principle for the Commission.

Further presentation was had by NDC and discussion with the Commission on the draft plan in progress.

Agenda Item IX: Presentation, discussion and possible decisions concerning the Commission's process during the 30-day public comment period for items such as the release of draft plans, mailings, citizen kits, and the procedure for responding to submissions.

The Commissioners received a packet from NDC of materials regarding this agenda item. The materials were discussed: Who should be contacted to be made aware of the public hearings; citizen kits; and other materials. The ideas were presented for the Commission to review so that NDC could further develop them with Adolfo Echeveste and the rest of the Commission staff. It was indicated legal had reviewed the materials. Discussion was had on the surveys/citizen kits and other items presented.

Agenda Item X: Public Comment. (See Agenda Item II)

Whereupon, the Commission recessed at 7:54 p.m. to reconvene on August 12, 2001, at the same location at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Nance