

1 to move the lines from there based off of the grid map.

2 If you wait until you have your maps complete,
3 you're not really able to fully take into that integration
4 that stakeholders' maps itself and that discussion. So
5 quite honestly, the grid maps, although 23 days I think
6 that's completely appropriate, that's going to be a pivotal
7 time where people are putting all of the information before
8 you're -- you're basically making the decision.

9 I'll give you an example. So the Navajo Nation
10 came into the Commission last time in IRC 2.0 and
11 Commissioner Freeman at the time utilized the Navajo map as
12 one of the basis for -- for basically one of his "what if"
13 maps that went all the way forward. If you waited until the
14 public period once the maps were chosen, you would have
15 missed that opportunity to fully understand why the Navajo
16 Nation believed -- how they -- how they worked in it from
17 the grid map itself.

18 So I just throw that in for context of how it
19 happened last time, and the public period was really spent
20 on -- on minutia.

21 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And I guess what I was
22 suggesting is that obviously the 23-day period we would want
23 every bit of input that we could get, but I don't know that
24 we need to go out and do a series of public meetings around
25 the state. That's really the question.

1 MR. B. JOHNSON: Understood.

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: It sounds like we're going to
3 have subsequent conversation about this, which is
4 appropriate.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That's fine, then can we also
6 talk about just how the grid map -- 'cause this was
7 interesting to hear, thank you about that information about
8 the Navajo Nation map, because my understanding the grid map
9 will be -- it will fluctuate. It will -- you know, we may
10 adopt one version, but it's going to change and shift as we
11 move. So can that be part of a discussion as well?

12 MR. B. JOHNSON: And I'll -- I'll defer to -- I
13 don't know if Doug Johnson is still on this call.

14 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah.

15 MR. B. JOHNSON: Okay. But -- but the real- -- the
16 grid map, it changes as part of going into the official
17 maps. Once you've chosen a grid map we stop calling it a
18 grid map, it's because now you're changing it for purposes
19 of the different criteria.

20 So -- so only one grid map, I just want to make
21 sure we're clear on that.

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, I would agree with that.

23 There's -- you know, there's three official maps
24 designed by the -- the constitutional language: the grid
25 map, the draft map, and your final map.

1 But, yes, as I think has been said fairly
2 accurately: Once you adopt the grid map, we're calling
3 it -- well the proposal is about a listening tour about the
4 grid map, but in reality from day one of whether it's a
5 public comment period or a tour, day one you're going to get
6 proposed draft maps. So people will immediately start
7 revising that, and they'll be submitting what they recommend
8 you adopt as draft maps and not -- you know, all the -- all
9 the changes of the maps have to be done in concept of
10 changes to the grid, but -- but they'll be proposing draft
11 maps.

12 Hopefully that helps.

13 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Any other questions?

14 Okay. Thank you, Director Schmitt. Thank you,
15 Commissioners, for your questions.

16 With that, we will move to Agenda Item No. VIII,
17 discussion and possible action on proposed revised travel
18 schedule.

19 Anything, Brian?

20 DIRECTOR SCHMITT: Not that much new between
21 yesterday and today.

22 We're still trying to confirm a couple of the
23 satellite locations in Northern and Southern Arizona. So as
24 soon as we have those, we'll keep the website and press
25 release updated.

1 But that's really all I have for now.

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Thank you so much.

3 And -- and next week when we reconvene, we'll have
4 maybe some additional insights and information about how the
5 tour is going.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Could I ask a follow-up
7 question?

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Please.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That's just more logistical,
10 not in terms of the public meeting area.

11 But as Commissioners we're going to be traveling,
12 and have you indicated per diem rates -- or can you provide
13 us with, I guess, per diem rates, recommended hotels that we
14 stay at, things like that so we are sure to follow whatever
15 DOA rules are as part of that.

16 So prior -- I mean, our travel doesn't really
17 probably begin for overnight until next week, but if we
18 could have some of that information, that will be helpful.

19 DIRECTOR SCHMITT: Yes. We have a -- kind of a
20 travel handbook that Valerie put together that we'll get out
21 to you-all and then hotel recommendations and just some
22 other helpful, useful items, so we should have that to you
23 today or tomorrow; and we can also help arrange or book any
24 of the reservations you need.

25 So we'll work through all that in the next few

1 days.

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yeah, I don't think summer in
3 Arizona you don't have to plan quite as early with -- with
4 the lodging.

5 Any other questions?

6 Okay. Thank you, Director Schmitt.

7 With that, we'll move to Agenda Item No. IX,
8 discussion and possible action on stock IRC presentation for
9 public use.

10 I don't know if there's any updates from yesterday.

11 DIRECTOR SCHMITT: I should have the hopefully
12 final version to you all today and if you have any edits or
13 suggestions, let me know; but, if not, we'll get that on the
14 website so the public can view.

15 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Excellent. Thank you,
16 everybody, for your feedback; it's really been a team
17 effort.

18 With that, we will move to Agenda Item No. XI,
19 discussion of future agenda item requests.

20 I think we had a discussion a few minutes ago that
21 I know our staff duly noted. Anything else that any of the
22 Commissioners would like to ensure that we add to our
23 agenda?

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: This is Commissioner York.

25 We talked about evaluating and developing -- I

1 think on the timeline was August 3rd for the grid map start,
2 so do we start the discussion prior to that? Where or how
3 does it start or do we -- do we wait until then?

4 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I think Doug needs to answer
5 that question.

6 If you don't mind.

7 MR. D. JOHNSON: Not at all.

8 So that's when we were planning on presenting
9 options and -- and ideas for how you can do it. We think it
10 will be straightforward enough that you may be able to
11 decide that same meeting, but it's -- there is a little bit
12 of -- there's flex time in there if you need another meeting
13 to decide.

14 But we're still working. We have them that the,
15 obviously, the last two Commissions used, but we're also
16 looking to kind of new options provided by new technology
17 and kind of auto drawing of software, so we can include
18 those when we present to you.

19 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I just have a quick
21 follow-up, it's probably not -- may not be appropriate in
22 future agenda but about our meetings on whether they'll be
23 live streamed?

24 DIRECTOR SCHMITT: The public hearings on the
25 listening tour?

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yes.

2 DIRECTOR SCHMITT: Yes, absolutely will be.

3 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Thank you.

4 Sorry for that.

5 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Anything else before
6 we move to Agenda Item No. XII, which is announcements?

7 Okay. Next meeting date, Agenda Item No. XIII.

8 Our listening tour dates are on our website. Other
9 than that, the next official public meeting with the five --
10 or quorum of Commissioners -- will be next Tuesday,
11 July 27th, at 8:00 a.m. So we look forward to seeing you
12 then.

13 With that, we'll move to Agenda Item No. XIV,
14 closing of public comments.

15 Please note members of the Commission may not
16 discuss items that are not specifically identified on the
17 agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.01(H), action
18 taken as a result of public comment will be limited to
19 directing staff to study the matter, responding to any
20 criticism, or scheduling the matter for further
21 consideration and decision at a later date.

22 With that, we move to Agenda Item No. XIV [sic],
23 adjournment.

24 I will entertain a motion to adjourn our public
25 meeting.

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: This is Commissioner York. I
2 motion to adjourn our public meeting.

3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Do I have a second?

4 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Commissioner Mehl seconds.

5 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I assume no further
6 discussion.

7 We'll do a vote.

8 We're missing Vice Chair Watchman because he's my
9 first one on the list, but we'll move to Commissioner Mehl.

10 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Aye.

11 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Lerner.

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Aye.

13 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner York.

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: Aye.

15 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Neuberg is an
16 aye.

17 With that, we will adjourn.

18 We look forward to meeting so many of you over the
19 upcoming days and reconvening in a public meeting next
20 Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.

21 Have a great weekend, everybody.

22 (Whereupon the meeting concludes at 9:54 a.m.)
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