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Independent Citizens' Redistricting Commission
Listening Session, District 2
Thursday, May 7, 2015
5:30 p.m.

Santa Fe Public Schools Administration Building
Board Room
610 Alta Vista Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

1. PROCEDURES:
 - a) Roll Call
 - b) Approval of Agenda
 - c) Approval of Minutes of April 7, 2015 meeting
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
3. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a) Standing Item-Legal Issues Surrounding Redistricting
 - b) Information Item – Precinct Total Population Map
4. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a) Independent Consultant Presentation
 - b) Information Item – Map of Councilor's Residences and Length of City Districts
 - c) Listening Session – Public Comment
5. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT
6. BOARD MATTERS
 - a) Next meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm at the City Council Chambers
7. ADJOURNMENT

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CITY OF SANTA FE
INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015

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**MINUTES OF THE
INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Listening Session, District 2

Thursday, May 7, 2015

A scheduled meeting for District Three of the Independent Citizens' Restricting Commission was called to order by Karen Heldmeyer, Chair, on this date at approximately 5:30 p.m. at the Santa Fe Public Schools Administration Building, Board Room, 610 Alta Vista Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

1. PROCEDURES:

a) Roll call indicated a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Karen Heldmeyer, chair
William E. Beardsley
Steven M. Bassett
Erin McSherry
Roderick Thompson
Elizabeth West

Members Absent:

Lillian J. Montoya, vice chair

Alternates Present: Neva Van Peski and Jody Larsen

Staff Present:

Zachary Shandler, Assistant City Attorney
Yolanda Y. Vigil, City Clerk

Others Present:

Councilor Peter Ives
Brian Sanderoff, Research & Polling, Inc.
Michael Sharp, Research & Polling, Inc.
Carl Boaz, Stenographer

b) Approval of Agenda

Ms. McSherry moved to approve the agenda as published. Mr. Bassett seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote. Mr. Thompson was not present for the vote.

c) Approval of Minutes of April 7, 2015

Chair Heldmeyer said on the top of page four that her husband's last name was misspelled. It should be Mosteller, not Moss Teller.

Ms. McSherry asked for a correction on page 8 where it should say the "district has more children," not "four children."

Ms. West moved to approve the minutes of April 7, 2015 as amended. Ms. McSherry seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote. Mr. Thompson was not present for the vote.

2. OPENING PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilor Ives said he was interested in the proceedings tonight. He thanked the members of the Commission for their dedication to this process and for being here and for doing their work.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a) Standing Item-Legal Issues Surrounding Redistricting

There were no legal issues.

b) Information Item – Precinct Total Population Map

The Precincts: Total Population Map was in the packet and attached to these minutes as Exhibit 1.

Mr. Thompson joined the meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a) Independent Consultant Presentation

Mr. Sanderoff said that in terms of ABCs of redistricting and the principles this Commission must follow, the first and foremost, which is in federal law as well as the state is that observations shall follow an equal population. So each district will have approximately the same population.

So the Commission is looking at total population. The reason the Council mandates and the City Charter created this independent commission was to have redistricting every ten years right after the new census when there is fresh information but with the significant annexation that just happened with over 13,000 people, the Council decided to do another one this year. In the packet is a map that shows current district boundaries with an overlay showing population after annexation. Most of it is in District 3 and the increase in population there is 47% larger than the ideal population, post annexation.

At the time the Council created the districts, prior to the formation of the ICRC, these districts all had about the same population. Now, the other districts are too small (15%, 19%). The objective is to shrink District 3 so it has an equal population with the others so all the rest must expand.

The Commission's job is to first allow the consultant to draw up plans and get feedback. They have been traveling around the City to get that feedback on the different plans. Some are from the public and some from Councilors.

Besides equal population they need to be kept compact in configuration and other factors such as neighborhoods not being split.

The precincts are the building blocks and within the charter and ordinance there is a need to minimize precinct splitting. So that pares down the plans to those that don't split precincts.

Plan A is a status quo oriented plan. In Plan A, notice how District 3 shrinks to the Airport/Tierra Contenta areas and only goes far enough to equalize the population.

Under current district boundaries, it went clear up to Osage. Obviously that is the excess population that has to be cut off. Under the two basic options to keep it compact, one is to add to District 4 and the other to pick up District 1.

Under Plan A, District 4 picks up the bulk of population north of Cerrillos Road between Jemez Road and Siler Road. District 2 was 15% too small. So District 2 picks up Precincts 51 and 77 and moves St Francis closer to Yucca. And District 1 to pick up more population, unifies Casa Alegre down to Siler Road. No precincts are split. The deviations are not perfect but deviation is $\pm 5\%$ and never goes higher than 7%.

The smallest is district 3 and it is smart to keep growing areas as smaller districts.

The only difference between A and A-2 is precinct 76 goes into District 2. If Las Soleras develops quickly, it keeps it smaller to accommodate future growth in that precinct.

In Plan B, District 1 is a long stretch but the real difference is in District 2. It is an inside district bounded by Alameda and Canyon Road and in B is bounded by St. Francis so it is very different. It is an eastside district. Both District 1 and District 2 take on very different configurations.

In Plan C, District 3 and District 4 are very different configurations. Districts one and two are not very different from Plan A. Rodeo Road and Airport Road are boundaries between Districts 3 and 4.

Plan D was an attempt to have 3 and 4 the same as in Plan A. District 2 is the same as Plan B.

All of the plans stay close to an equal population and keep precincts together. There are cross pressures. A perfect population equality would split precincts. The districts look more compact with extra benefits.

An unidentified man from the public asked several questions for clarification which Mr. Sanderoff provided. He asked about the area not in the annexation.

Chair Heldmeyer said that area is called phase 3. Agua Fria Village will never be annexed.

Councilor Ives said he was familiar with the maps. It has a semblance to some degree with what he would use in making decisions.

b) Information Item – Map of Councilor's Residences and Length of City Districts

Mr. Sharp provided additional handouts for the Commission. The first was a district perimeter table by plan (attached to the minutes as Exhibit 2). The City was listed in the right hand column and listed the lengths in miles.

The second handout showed where Councilors now live and where they would be located under each plan (attached to the minutes as Exhibit 3). Plan A and Plan A-2 leave all Councilors in the same districts.

Then Mr. Sharp handed out a precinct map showing the Councilor locations (attached as Exhibit 4).

c) Listening Session – Public Comment

Chair Heldmeyer asked public comments to be made from the table.

Councilor Ives said these are interesting exhibits for the information it speaks to. When Council created the Commission, there were a number of factors he asked everyone on the Commission to consider. They included: minimize spreading, minimize voting confusion, keep Councilors in their present districts, perimeters as short as possible, and economic factors preserved. In looking at the one on perimeter, it looks like Plan A is the one having shortest lengths. It focused in large part on the intersections for population that needed to be shifted. In all of them, we lose the four corners on the current district intersection at Osage and Cerrillos Road.

Councilor Ives noted that for Plan B compared to A in District 2, it suddenly identifies District 2 as the east side. East is often set against the west side. B and D move in that direction and exacerbate that issue. The connection with District 1 with sparser population comes down and to the west and brings all of the districts in that area to meet in the middle rather than emphasizing perceptions of separateness.

He agreed with Ms. West that Councilors are from a district but serve the whole City. The support for SWAN Park has been unanimous by all Councilors. It is a critical facility for children from that area to play.

When looking at all of those issues and directions in the ordinances, he tended to look at Plan A as having the least disturbance and most continuity and avoids the east-west controversy.

Councilor Ives was also surprised there were not more people from District 2 at this meeting.

Ms. West noted that Councilor Maestas was here earlier but had to leave. She thanked those who came to the meeting.

Chair Heldmeyer announced to the public that the next meeting is advertised as discussion and possible action on May 14 at City Hall.

Ms. Vigil corrected her that the meeting must be at the Convention Center because of closing out of budget meetings.

Chair Heldmeyer asked if there was any information not given to the Commission.

Ms. McSherry said one person showed up who wanted to submit an alternative plan.

Mr. Sanderoff said he (Vince Kadlubek) left the napkin on which he wrote the information. He wanted a different district for Precinct 31 (attached to these minutes as Exhibit 5). His plan is called Public 1 but Mr. Sanderoff had an issue in violation and tried to fix it in Map Public 2 (attached to these minutes as Exhibit 6). Mr. Sanderoff handed out both maps and noted the table of 2010 census data for the districts that he printed on the back of each map. The plan would violate the total deviation from ideal was beyond the comfort level at 12.3%.

So Mr. Sanderoff fulfilled his request by moving out Precinct 41 into District 1 from District 2 to make the populations work. And that changes the Cerrillos Road line. That was his best shot at it.

Chair Heldmeyer asked if Mr. Kadlubek had been shown these.

Mr. Sanderoff said he hadn't because he hasn't come back.

Chair Heldmeyer explained that Mr. Kadlubek is now a Planning Commissioner.

Chair Heldmeyer asked Mr. Sanderoff if there was any more information he thought the Commission should have.

Mr. Thompson asked Mr. Sanderoff what his favorite plan was.

Mr. Sanderoff said he would rather not say.

Ms. West said precinct 41 is right near what is the physical center of town. It is worth noting that often around the center there is a lot of movement.

6. BOARD MATTERS

There were no Board matters.

5. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT

a) **Next meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm at the Community Convention Center**

Chair Heldmeyer repeated that possibly the Commission could make a decision at that meeting. The decision will be final and presented to the City Council.

Ms. West said their time constraint was the end of May so if they couldn't come to a decision then, they would still have a couple of weeks.

Chair Heldmeyer said June 1 is a target date. It is not absolute if we have trouble deciding but Mr. Shandler wanted to leave time in case there are challenges.

Ms. Vigil said she would be releasing candidate packets so it has to be adopted by August 1. And she has to make the revisions in the ordinance before that time so there is not much time post June 1.

Chair Heldmeyer didn't expect to see a lot of strife but if anyone really feels undecided or if there are factions, we could meet a week later. That is an option for the Commission and we want all to be comfortable with it. She agreed to email everyone if a change was needed.

Ms. McSherry said she had to be in Las Cruces for that meeting.

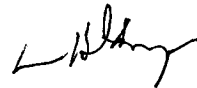
Chair Heldmeyer recalled that the May 14 meeting date was selected long ago.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. West moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Approved by:

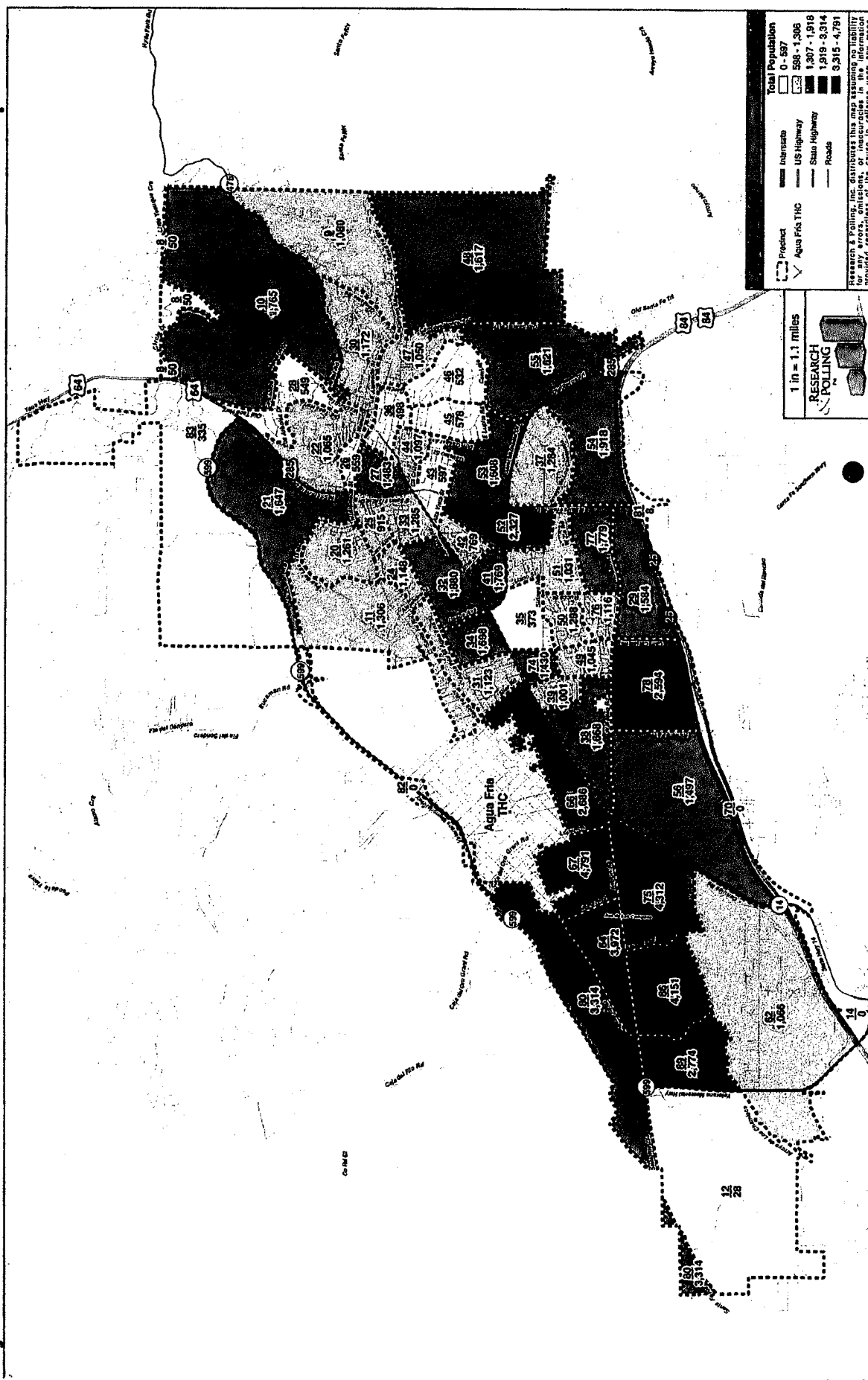


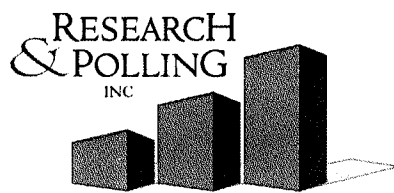
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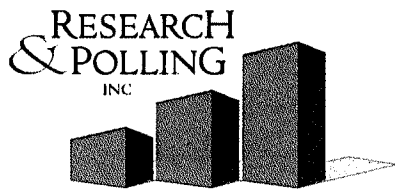
Carl Boaz for Carl G. Boaz, Inc.





**DISTRICT PERIMETER BY PLAN
(IN MILES)**

PLAN	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	TOTAL PERIMETER ALL DISTRICTS	SANTA FE CITY PERIMETER
CURRENT	37.00	17.19	30.77	18.60	103.56	65.97
A	35.90	17.70	21.35	25.27	100.22	65.97
A-2	35.90	18.50	21.35	26.07	101.82	65.97
B	39.20	20.85	21.35	19.74	101.15	65.97
C	35.90	17.70	30.24	21.81	105.64	65.97
D	35.22	20.85	21.35	25.27	102.69	65.97



COUNCILORS BY PLAN
(CURRENT DISTRICT IN PARENTHESES)

PLAN	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4
CURRENT	Bushee Lindell	Ives Maestas	Dominguez Rivera	Dimas Trujillo
A	Bushee (1) Lindell (1)	Ives (2) Maestas (2)	Dominguez (3) Rivera (3)	Dimas (4) Trujillo (4)
A-2	Bushee (1) Lindell (1)	Ives (2) Maestas (2)	Dominguez (3) Rivera (3)	Dimas (4) Trujillo (4)
B	Bushee (1)	Ives (2) Lindell (1)	Dominguez (3) Rivera (3)	Dimas (4) Trujillo (4) Maestas (2)
C	Bushee (1) Lindell (1)	Ives (2) Maestas (2)	Dominguez (3) Rivera (3) Dimas (4)	Trujillo (4)
D	Bushee (1) Maestas (2)	Ives (2) Lindell (1)	Dominguez (3) Rivera (3)	Dimas (4) Trujillo (4)

PLAN	SUMMARY OF CHANGES
A	All Councilors remain in their districts
A-2	All Councilors remain in their districts
B	District 1 Councilor Lindell is now in District 2 District 2 Councilor Maestas is now in District 4 District 1 has one of the current councilors District 4 has three of the current councilors
C	District 4 Councilor Dimas is now in District 3 District 3 has three of the current councilors District 4 has one of the current councilors
D	District 1 Councilor Lindell is now in District 2 District 2 Councilor Maestas is now in District 1 Each district has 2 of the current councilors