

**CITY OF ESCONDIDO
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
THE INDEPENDENT
DISTRICTING COMMISSION**

November 24, 2013

The meeting of the Independent Districting Commission was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Chairperson Nuesca in City Council Chambers, 201 N. Broadway, Escondido, California.

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Nuesca, Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Cruz, Commissioner Ramirez, Vice-Chairperson Valdez, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Carey.

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: Diane Halverson, City Clerk; Allegra Frost, Deputy City Attorney; Dulce Salazar, Interpretation Services; and Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Pat Mues, Escondido, expressed her enthusiasm with the work done by the Commission listening to the citizens and considering their input.

Chris Nava, Escondido, thanked the Commission for the time afforded to this item and adhering to the guidelines. She felt the process would help serve the community in the future.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, to approve the minutes of the October 27, and October 29, 2013 meetings with an amendment to the October 27 meeting by Commissioner Flores. Motion carried unanimously.

Taken out of order.

5. Commissioner Requested Agenda Items

a. Conduct of District Commission Meetings

Commissioner Flores noted that he and the Commission had a tendency to interrupt each other during the meetings and suggested keeping in mind Robert's Rules of Order when speaking during the meetings.

4. Recommended Districting Plan

Commissioner Carey asked for an overview of the Commission's task. Chairman Nuesca provided an overview and Commission's charter. She referenced the Consent Decree and noted that the Commission was formed to create four districts by taking public testimony and following the five criteria identified in the Consent Decree.

Commissioner Anderson requested input regarding a legal opinion for splitting a block as proposed for District 2 and 3 in the Hidden Meadows area. Attorney Frost noted that splitting a block was supportable by the City Attorney's Office.

The Commission reviewed the boundary lines in District 1, including the Sunset Terrace Mobile Home Park in District 1.

Discussion ensued regarding various configurations for District 1-4 meeting the equal population criteria, percentage deviation, Latino CVAP, and taking the public testimony in consideration.

Chairman Nuesca recessed the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

ACTION:

Moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, to adopt the District Map (*Recommended District Plan available at the Clerk's Office*). Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Nuesca provided an overview of how the Commission came to its decision. She noted that at the beginning of the process a preliminary map was submitted and during public testimony items were brought forth that needed to be addressed. She stated that the approved map's numbers were in line and consistent with the five criteria in the Consent Decree. She then referenced the population percentages for each district.

Commissioner Carey asked that the Commission receive a copy of the approved district map.

Chairman Nuesca asked how the Commission would like to have its recommendation presented to City Council.

Commissioner Anderson felt the Chairperson should provide the presentation. Commissioner Flores felt it was important to have as many commissioners as possible without the need for convening an official meeting of the Commission.

ACTION:

Moved by Chairperson Nuesca, seconded by Commissioner Valdez, to post an agenda item to convene the Independent Districting Commission at the City Council meeting when the map was being considered. Motion did not carry. Ayes: None. Noes: Nuesca, Flores, Cruz, Ramirez, Valdez, Anderson, and Carey. (0-7)

ACTION:

Moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, to appoint the Chairperson and Vice-chairperson to provide the District Map presentation to the City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: Chairperson Nuesca adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.


Diane Halverson, City Clerk


Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk

Please note: These hearing minutes were not formally approved by the Independent Districting Commission.