AGENDA

The Brown Act provides an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the legislative body on any item of interest to the public before or during the Commission’s consideration of the item. If you wish to speak regarding an agenda item, please fill out a speaker’s slip and give it to the Minutes Clerk who will forward it to the Chair. If you wish to speak concerning an item not on the agenda, you may do so under Oral Communications.

The City of Escondido recognizes its obligation to provide equal access to services to those qualified individuals with disabilities. If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact our ADA Coordinator at 839-4641. Notification 24 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility.

1. Roll Call

2. Oral Communications

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3. Approval of Minutes:
   October 27, 2013 Public Meeting
   October 29, 2013 Public Meeting

4. Recommended Districting Plan

Discussion of Recommended Districting Plan in consultation with expert consultant; Possible Action to approve a Recommended Districting Plan. Discussion of submission to City Council.
5. Commissioner Requested Agenda Items

a. Conduct of District Commission Meetings - Commissioner Flores emailed staff in advance of the meeting to request this item be placed on the agenda for discussion purposes only.

6. Oral Communications

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7. Adjournment

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS AFTER AGENDA POSTING: Any supplemental writings or documents provided to the Districting Commission regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection in the City Clerk’s Office located at 201 N. Broadway during normal business hours, or in the meeting room while the meeting is in session.
The meeting of the Independent Districting Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Nuesca in City Council Chambers, 201 N. Broadway, Escondido, California.

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

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: Diane Halverson, City Clerk; Megan Grimm, Executive Office Coordinator; Allegra Frost, Deputy City Attorney; Livier Valenzuela, Interpretation Services; and Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

Approval Of Minutes:

a. October 3, 2013 Public Meeting
b. October 10, 2013 Public Hearing
c. October 12, 2013 Public Hearing
d. October 17, 2013 Public Hearing
e. October 19, 2013 Public Hearing
f. October 24, 2013 Public Hearing

Line Drawing – Preliminary Districting Plan

Karin MacDonald and Nichole Boyle and Jamie Clark, Q2 Data & Research, LLC, and the Commission discussed potential districts and line drawing variations. (Maps attached)

Jose Castro, Escondido, suggested that a City map with all of the community of interests be made available at the meetings so the public could visually see each potential district. He also suggested clarifying how the Commissions came to its decision.

Commission Budget: Discussion of budget expenditures and future anticipated expenditures.
Discussion ensued regarding a clarification of the anticipated expenses and staff comp time.

**Public Meeting and Hearing Planning:** Planning of public meetings and hearings, including discussion with consultant.

Discussion ensued regarding a clarification of the Consent Decree with regard to taking public testimony and incorporating it into the map drawing. Additional discussion ensued regarding looking at the total population for each district and summary with the CVRP and the percentages.

**ACTION:**

Moved by Chairman Nuesca, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, to cancel the November 7, 2013, public meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Media Coverage:**

**Pat Mues, Escondido 2014,** suggested placing an ad in the North County Times which would include a copy of the Preliminary Map.

Chairman Nuesca asked if the public hearings would be published. City Clerk Halverson replied in the affirmative. Commissioner Anderson suggested including the Map when the notices were published. Commissioner Flores felt the maps should be included in all of the languages.

Commissioner Valdez suggested making a statement that all of the languages would be made available.

**ACTION:**

Moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, to include the map in the published noticed. Motion carried unanimously.

**ACTION:**

Moved by Commissioner Flores, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to require all languages in the public notices. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Carey suggested publishing a press release regarding the preliminary map. City Clerk Halverson noted that she was already working on this.

**Community Outreach:**

Commissioner Anderson asked for the schools to provide a Robo-call with
information on the November public hearings.

Commissioner Valdez noted that ACLU did a good job on community outreach.

**Use of Technology:**

Commissioner Anderson asked Q2 to provide a way to display the COI on maps during the public hearings.

**Future Agenda Items:**

Chairman Nuesca asked that Oral Communications be put on the beginning and end of the agenda for meetings.

Commissioner Carey asked for a visual display of the maps during the November hearings.

Commissioner Flores asked for an agenda item to discuss contract with outside counsel.

**Adjournment:** Chairperson Nuesca adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m. The next meeting was set for October 29, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

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Chairman Nuesca                        Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk
CITY OF ESCONDIDO
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
THE INDEPENDENT
DISTRICTING COMMISSION

October 29, 2013

The meeting of the Independent Districting Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Nuesca in City Council Chambers, 201 N. Broadway, Escondido, California.

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

Commissioners Absent: None.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2013, meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Cruz and Commissioner Valdez were absent from the vote.

Line Drawing – Preliminary Districting Plan

Commissioner Cruz entered the meeting at this time.

Commissioner Valdez entered the meeting at this time.

Karin MacDonald and Nichole Boyle of Q2 Data & Research, LLC, and the Commission discussed potential districts and line drawing variations. (Maps attached)

Pat Mues, Escondido 2014, suggested that the Commission take into consideration the areas outside the City limits, noting her concern for one area near Ash Street where Districts 3 and 4 cut a neighborhood in half. She noted that trimming and tightening boundary edges could impact communities. She also felt areas urban areas should not be split up without a good reason.
Ms. MacDonald provided an overview of the annexation areas.

Discussion ensued regarding a clarification of the location for the Police Beat data and the three high school districts.

Jose Castro, Escondido, asked if a map with all of the COIs would be made available for the meetings.

Steve Berrol, Escondido, stated that his COI involved the Eureka Springs housing tract. He asked that this area be kept in one district. He stated the area was comprised of 340 single-family homes that were between five and seven years old, had numerous cultures, ethnicities, hundreds of children, and added new residents to the community. He stated that the neighborhood was surrounded by scenic foothills and acted as a single community. He noted that Eureka Springs was subject to approximately $1.2 million a year in mello roos, which helped pay for the widening and beautification of East Valley Parkway and Bear Valley Parkway.

Ms. MacDonald asked for a clarification for the boundaries of Eureka Springs. Mr. Berrol noted Eureka Springs was north of the intersection of Washington and abutted both sides of East Valley Parkway.

Kimber Allison, Escondido, referenced Area 3 in the Hidden Trails development and asked that this area not be split up. She asked that Meadow Side Place, Meadow Crest Place and Meadow Grass Lane be included in Area 3.

Jim McNair, Escondido, noted that he was the past president of the Hidden Trails Home Owners Association. He referenced the Hidden Trails development and asked that it not be split up.

Discussion ensued regarding obtaining a legal opinion for splitting a census block, keeping the Hidden Trails area together.

The Commission reviewed the previous COIs submitted.

**ACTION:**

Moved by Commissioner Flores, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve Map B as the preliminary districting map. Motion did not carry. Ayes: Flores and Valdez. Noes: Anderson, Carey, Cruz, Nuesca, and Martinez. (2-5)

**ACTION:**

Moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve Map A as the preliminary districting map. The motion included obtaining a legal opinion on Hidden Trails being included in District 3, which would entail the separation of the census block. Motion carried unanimously.
**Public Meeting and Hearing Planning:** Planning of public meetings and hearings, including discussion with consultant.

Commissioner Anderson asked that a map be provided at the meetings including the COIs. Ms. MacDonald noted that they would have either PDFs or digital interactive illustrations that would be made available, noting that they were working with the City GIS staff. Commissioner Martinez suggested having maps with overlays.

The Commission discussed working with digital interactive maps, whiteboard maps with COIs and districts, and printed handout maps with COIs and districts.

The direction was to do have two large print maps at the meetings and for the COIs to be digitally interactive on the City website.

Commissioner Carey asked that the City consult with Leslie Devaney about the legal issue of splitting a census block, (Hidden Trails).

**ACTION:**

Moved by Commissioner Carey, seconded by Commissioner Flores, that the City consult with Leslie Devaney about the legal issue of splitting a census block, (Hidden Trails). Motion carried unanimously.

**Community Outreach**

City Clerk Halverson noted that the School District was provided with the transcript for Robocalls in both English and Spanish.

Commissioner Anderson suggested having a break during the public hearings for the purpose of having interaction with the public.

Commissioner Flores suggested having an overview of the assignment of the Commission. He also suggested having a 30-minute break to speak with the public.

**Future agenda items:** Discussed earlier.

**Adjournment:** Chairperson Nuesca adjourned the meeting at 10:12 p.m. The next Hearing was set for November 21, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

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Chairman Nuesca                        Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk