Redistricting Commission

City of College Park

Monday, July 11, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting

Members	Present	Absent
Betty Colonomos		X
Val Graham	X	
Alan Hew	X	
John Krouse	X	
Delmar Nelson	X[1]	
Nathan Rickard	X	
Marilyn Yang	X	
Fritz Leopold	X	
D.W. Rowlands	X	
Jordan Dewar	X	
Robert Day	X	
Staff and Others		
Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager	X	
Jacob Vassalotti, City GIS Analyst	X	
Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney		X
Carleveva Thompson, Contract Secretary	X	

1 Joined the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

I.   Call to Order

Mr. Day called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II.   Review and Approval of Agenda

The Commission reviewed the agenda and no changes were made.

III. **Review and Approval of Minutes**
The Committee reviewed the June 9, 2022, meeting minutes.

Ms. Rowlands motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Rickard. All members in favor; no opposed. Motion carries, 9-0-0.

IV. **Update of Estimated Population by including accurate UMD data and new development**

Ms. Rowlands presented to the Commission on the updated analysis of 2010 Districts, accounting for the dorms at University of Maryland, accounting for student apartments, and accounting for newly constructed housing. Ms. Rowlands informed the Commission on which decisions will need to be made regarding the voter counts per district.

a. **2010 Districts**
The 2010 Districts were established in 2011 which accounted for population in new developments and kept neighborhoods and university communities intact. The largest deviation in voters and population was 4%.

b. **University of Maryland (UMD) Dorms**
Ms. Rowlands presented data from UMD on the number of beds for each dorm. The Commission will need to decide on whether to ignore the UMD data and use the Census numbers, use UMD's bed count and assume full capacity or use UMD bed count and assume a fraction of capacity.

Mr. Hew motioned to use UMD bed count and assume full capacity. Second by Ms. Dewar. All members in favor; no opposed. Motion carries 9-0-0.

c. **Decision on bed count data for student apartments**
Ms. Rowlands presented the student apartments that utilize a bed count. The Commission discussed whether to ignore the bed counts and use the Census data, to use the bed counts and assume full capacity or to use bed counts and assume a fraction of capacity. Mr. Day suggested the Commission waits until all the bed count data is received before making a final decision.

Ms. Rowlands motioned City staff to call all buildings that rent by the bed and buildings that do not rent by the bed to confirm if they are rented by the bed and what is their average capacity. Second by Mr. Day. All members in favor; no opposed. Motion carries 10-0-0.

d. **Accounting for new buildings**
The Commission will not count the Knox Road development, Atworth, and any buildings that are not opening until Fall 2023.

The Commission decided that 3 maps will be created. The second map will be the buildings that are currently taking leases and the third map will be the buildings opening later in 2023.

V. **Introduction to ARCBridge, Inc. consultants for the Commission and discussion of how to best utilize their expertise**

Mr. Gardiner provided an update that ARCBridge is interested in serving as a consultant to the Commission. ARCBridge can assign a group of tasks or provide advice, review data and make suggestions, as well as conduct mapping.

Mr. Rickard motioned to move ahead with ARCBridge. Second by Ms. Yang. All members in favor; no opposed. Motion carries 10-0-0.

VI. **Schedule Public Meetings**

1st public meeting at Davis Hall on September 1, 2022.

2nd public meeting at City Hall on September 12, 2022.

The Commission will present to City Council on September 27, 2022.

VII. **Next Meeting Date and Tasks**

The next scheduled meeting is July 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

VIII. **Adjournment**

Mr. Day adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carleveva Thompson, contract secretary