MINUTES OF MEETING
WAYNE COUNTY APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION
MAY 20, 2011

A meeting of the Wayne County Apportionment Commission was held on Friday, May 20, 2011, in Room 705, Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Chair of the Wayne County Apportionment Commission, called the meeting to order at 10:42 a.m.

Chair Wojtowicz asked the Director of Elections, Delphine G. Oden, to call the roll. The following members answered the roll call:

Present: Commissioner William J. Runco
Commissioner William M. Wolfson
Commissioner Kym L. Worthy
Chair Raymond J. Wojtowicz

Absent: Vice-Chair Cathy M. Garrett - excused

Ms. Oden informed the commission that a quorum was present.

Also present: Janet Anderson-Davis, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Delphine G. Oden, Secretary to the Commission
Kevin Kavanagh, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Caven West
Kurt Metzger, Data Driven Detroit
Gregory Parrish, Data Driven Detroit
Kat Hartman, Data Driven Detroit
Trevor Tutro-Anderson
Gregory P. Mahar
Robert Levi
R. Fisher
Bill Johnson
Felicia Johnson
Jeff Bors
John Pfeiffer
Sally Kim
Larry Arreguin
Joan Gebhardt
Natalie Mosher
James Ekleberry
Sravanesh Muralidhar
Eric Burnstein
Robert Linn
Jina Sawani
Chair Wojtowicz requested a motion to adopt the agenda, as presented. Moved by Commissioner Worthy, supported by Chair Wojtowicz to approve the agenda, as presented. A roll call vote was taken, as follows:
YEAS: Commissioners Runco, Wolfson, Worthy and Chair Wojtowicz. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioner Garrett.

Chair Wojtowicz requested a motion to adopt the Minutes of May 13, 2011. Moved by Commissioner Wolfson, supported by Commissioner Worthy, that the Minutes of May 13, 2011, are hereby approved as presented. A roll call vote was taken, as follows:
YEAS: Commissioners Runco, Wolfson, Worthy, and Chair Wojtowicz. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioner Garrett.

Chair Wojtowicz moved to Item 5(a) Presentation of Staff Plan, 2nd Iteration, 5 Options, May 18th version. Mr. Metzger informed the commission and public in attendance that the Staff Plan, 2nd Iteration is the same, except that Hamtramck and Highland Park are combined. Each option of the plan was reviewed and discussed. For the City of Detroit there are 9 districts in Option One and Option Two; and 7 districts in Options Three, Four and Five. Moved by Commissioner Wolfson, supported by Commissioner Worthy to receive and file Staff Plan, 2nd Iteration, 5 Options, May 18th version, with the additional request for information. A roll call vote was taken, as follows:
YEAS: Commissioners Runco, Wolfson, Worthy and Chair Wojtowicz. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioner Garrett.

Chair Wojtowicz moved to Item 5(b) discussion of criteria for submission of public plans. Ms. Anderson-Davis informed the commission that in 2001 the Apportionment Commission sent a letter to the media and interested communities advising them of the criteria. Ms. Anderson-Davis distributed a draft letter for the commission’s consideration. The commission reviewed, discussed and made changes to the letter. Moved by Commissioner Wolfson, supported by Commissioner Runco, that Janet Anderson-Davis revise the letter as to the filing dates to indicate that plans shall be submitted no sooner than June 7th at 9 a.m. and that the last date for submission of plans to this body will be Tuesday, June 21st at 4 p.m.; and the commission reserves the right, by majority vote, to accept plans that are submitted after that date. A roll call vote was taken, as follows:
YEAS: Commissioners Runco, Wolfson, Worthy and Chair Wojtowicz. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioner Garrett.

Additional discussion included adding the Strickland case to the letter, sending information to the media and interested community groups, what information is on the Apportionment website; 2nd Iteration of the Staff Plan. Moved by Commissioner
Wolfson, supported by Commissioner Runco that the letter is hereby approved and staff is authorized to mail the letter as amended. A roll call vote was taken, as follows:

YEAS: Commissioners Runco, Wolfson, Worthy and Chair Wojtowicz. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioner Garrett.

There was further discussion on the plan, which included members of the commission working with the staff to develop their ideas; and any member of the commission can speak with the media.

Chair Wojtowicz asked for Public Comment. The following comments were made:

Stephanie Chang: whether or not the public meetings will be held after the commission receives plans submitted by the public.

Larry Arreguin, Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce: if individuals will be provided the items that will be discussed at the meeting prior to the meeting; what are the changes in the minority population

LaMar Lemmons, Detroit Public School Board Member: whether or not there is a process for the students to get involved in learning about the process of reapportionment; dividing the Pointes and Harper Woods to get two minority districts; increase a majority-minority district if River Rouge and Ecorse are separated from Detroit; how can community organization get added to the list to have greater input.

Sally Kim, Asian and Pacific Islander American Voter, Michigan: seeing the racial breakdowns in the 2nd Iteration; making information more accessible to the public; publicize meetings to the press; placing meeting minutes on the website; accepting public maps at the same time as commission maps; keeping Northville and Plymouth together or Canton and Van Buren together.

Additional comments made by commissioners included that counsel has advised the commission that they are not to review public maps at this time; meeting notices are posted in compliance with the law; holding evening meetings; and sending out a press release for each meeting.

Chair Wojtowicz called for adjournment. Moved by Commissioner Wolfson, supported by Commissioner Runco that the meeting is hereby adjourned at 12:10 p.m. A roll call vote was taken, as follows:

YEAS: Commissioners Runco, Wolfson, Worthy and Chair Wojtowicz. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioner Garrett.

Respectfully submitted,

Delphine G. Oden, Secretary