

REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2011 MEETING

LOCATION: South Carroll Senior Center, 5928 Mineral Hill Road, Eldersburg, Maryland

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Burns, Jr.; Joseph Leeman; Frank Rammes; Richard Reese; Gail Riley; C. Scott Stone.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Francis Walsh

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Timothy Burke, County Attorney, and Scott Graf, of the Carroll County Department of Planning were also in attendance. Approximately 13 members of the public attended.

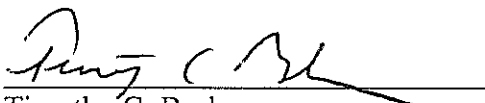
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:00 p.m., followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and observance of a moment of silence.

1. Review and finalization of agenda items – Mr. Rammes requested again that the Agenda be presented to the members earlier, in order to give them more time to review. The Agenda was approved upon Motion of Ms. Riley and seconded by Mr. Leeman, Vote 6-0.
2. Review and approval of Minutes from September 19, 2011 meeting – No discussion. The Minutes were approved upon Motion of Mr. Stone and seconded by Mr. Leeman, Vote 6-0.
3. Review and consideration of any publically submitted correspondence – Nothing was received through website or at the County Attorney's office. No discussion.
4. Review and consideration of website performance and input suggestions – Mr. Burns asked the public and/or members if anyone had a chance to review the website. Ms. Mary Ellis was a member of the public who had viewed the site at this time. Mr. Stone advised that he had reviewed and was pleased with the layout/content of the website.
5. Review and submission of potential District maps – Ms. Mary Ellis submitted a proposed map (Map 2) which would group the following towns together: Hampstead/Manchester, Taneytown/UnionBridge/NewWindsor, and lower Sykesville. These communities should have never been divided, in her opinion. The numbers are all within the permitted 5% deviation. Mr. Stone submitted a map entitled "Communities of Interest" (Map 3) which would keep the following towns/areas together: SilverRun/UnionMills/Taneytown/UnionBridge/New Windsor(D1), Melrose/Manchester/Greenmount/Hampstead(D2),

Westminster(D3) unchanged, Mt.Airy/Berrett/Sykesville(D4), Finksburg/Gamber/ and a significant portion of Eldersburg(D5). Maps were passed out to members of the committee and the public for review. Mr. Stone believes that his proposed map recognizes the shared interest of the municipalities and maintains the integrity of Carroll County communities. Mr. Culleton, a citizen and columnist from the Eagle and Carroll County Times stated that he did not realize tonight was deadline for map submission. He did not have a map prepared but agreed with Map 2 as well. The Maps were accepted for consideration upon Motion of Mr. Rammes and seconded by Ms. Riley, Vote 6-0.

6. Citizen participation and general comments – Comments were received from the citizens on the pros/cons regarding the proposed maps. Citizen Ellen Dix inquired as to whether the map labeled “Option 2” from 2005 still meets the criteria for equivalent population in the districts. Mr. Leeman responded that according to his research, it did not.
7. Committee comments, questions, and discussion – Mr. Stone asked how quickly the maps can be placed on the website. Mr. Graf advised the maps can be finished by the GIS Division fairly quickly and sent to the Committee for review. Mr. Burns related that as of 3 committee meetings, there has been a \$1,000.00 estimated cost for County staff time which Mr. Burns feels is low.
8. General reports and presentations – No reports or presentations.
9. Old business items – No discussion.
10. New business items – Mr. Leeman stated that the Committee will now have a chance to review Map 2 and Map 3 for discussions at the next meeting.
11. Review of next meeting details and schedules of Committee members – Mr. Burns reviewed the upcoming meeting dates. Mr. Stone has a conflict for November 17th. The members agreed on the rescheduled date of November 10th in Hampstead.
12. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:



Timothy C. Burke
County Attorney