

SPECIAL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE
Agenda
Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.
Room 202

Alderman Bogdala - Co-Chairman and Alderman Ruffolo - Co-Chairman
Alderman Downing, Alderman Misner, Alderman Nudo, Alderman Orth, Alderman Prozanski

Call to Order and Roll Call

Approval of Minutes from June 1, 2011

1. Citizens Comments
2. Review and Discussion of Alternatives

Committee Comments

Adjournment

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SPECIAL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE
Minutes
June 1, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderman Bogdala, Alderman Misner, Alderman Nudo, Alderman Orth, Alderman Prozanski and Alderman Ruffolo

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Alderman Downing

STAFF PRESENT: Jeffrey B. Labahn, Rich Schroeder, Mike Callovi, Matt Knight and Kay Schueffner

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Alderman Ruffolo and roll call was noted.

A motion to approve the minutes from May 25, 2011 made by Alderman Bogdala and seconded by Alderman Nudo. The motion passed unanimously. (5 ayes; 0 noes).

1. Citizens Comments

No Citizen comments.

2. Review and Discussion of Alternatives

Jeffrey B. Labahn, City Planner, explained that three alternatives were being presented for review in response to the direction of the Committee from the last meeting.

Alderman Orth noted that all documents being reviewed were working documents only. These documents do not necessary represent where the Committee is going with the redistricting, they only represent a starting point of review.

Mike Callovi, Engineering Technician, presented the alternatives.

Alternative #1 -17 Districts

This map alternative is based on combining whole neighborhoods into proposed aldermanic districts. The intent is to combine the neighborhoods that most closely belong together while showing the significant differences in population that result when this is done.

Alderman Orth asked what the population range was on the County's maps. Mr. Callovi pulled up a County map and said the range is approximately 7%.

Alderman Bogdala asked if there was an "acceptable" range percentage or a guideline. Mr. Callovi said the State uses 1%, while the County's target is 10%. Alderman Bogdala asked if historically, this is an acceptable percentage. Mr. Callovi said yes. Alderman Bogdala asked if historically some municipalities have a 10-12% range or a 15-20% range? Mr. Callovi said he didn't know.

Alderman Nudo asked if the State has ever rejected the plan submitted by the City. Mr. Labahn said he was not aware that ever happened.

Alternative #2 -17 Districts

This map alternative is based on using the existing wards and combining them into 17 districts containing relatively equal population. The intent is still to keep the neighborhoods that most closely belong together.

Alderman Bogdala asked if the wards were left intact. Mr. Callovi said yes.

Alderman Ruffolo said the wards and districts need to be spread out to accommodate the growth on the west side.

Alderman Orth asked for clarification of the "contiguous" wards as it relates to I-94. Matt Knight, Assistant City Attorney, referred to Statute 62.08 and said the wards must be contiguous. Mr. Callovi added that wards must also respect the school district boundaries. The citizens that belong to the Paris or Bristol Elementary School Districts will have separate wards, even if there are below 800 people.

Alderman Bogdala asked where we got the numbers for the various apartment complexes. Mr. Callovi said they are from the 2010 Census.

Alternative #3 - 17 Districts

Mr. Callovi explained he tried to keep neighborhoods intact, but the main factor was equal population in all districts, with the target number of 5,836 people.

Alderman Orth said we could add another District, District #18, to divide population to smaller numbers and leave more neighborhoods intact.

Mayor Bosman suggested another district be created east of the 17th District. This district could pull some people from further east and leave some of the other districts intact.

Alderman Nudo asked Staff if in the past there were 18 aldermen and when was that? Mr. Labahn said there were 17 in 1990 and 17 in 2000. Alderman Nudo also asked if the State makes any provision to keep an incumbent in a district. Mr. Knight said the materials from the State are guidelines only. Statute 59.10 3.(cm) suggest to consider incumbents. The Legislative Reference Bureau suggest to consider incumbents.

Alderman Nudo said at some point we must consider the incumbents when determining the district boundaries.

Alderman Prozanski arrived.

Mr. Labahn noted that in 1982 the City went from 18 aldermen to 17 aldermen. Alderman Nudo asked the approximate population in 1982. Mr. Labahn said approximately 77,000 in 1982; 80,000 in 1990; 90,000 in 2000; and 99,000+ now.

Alderman Orth asked Mr. Callovi to start with a clean map and he would have him move a few boundary lines - adjustments were made. Alderman Bogdala said he would not be happy with any splitting of the 17th District.

Mr. Callovi said you can go in one of two directions from here:

- 1) Review and change the existing districts. -or-
- 2) Review and change the existing wards.

Alderman Nudo suggested that each Committee member work on their own this week and bring back a plan or two at next meeting. Alderman Ruffolo agreed. Alderman Nudo added we will have a long "working" meeting next week and present all the ideas.

Alderman Orth asked Staff to contact the State to find out if the population was over the desired amount, would that be allowable. Alderman Orth also asked if he could forward his plans to Staff prior to the meeting so they could prepare them. Mr. Callovi said that would be fine, I could prepare them prior to the meeting if time allows.

The Committee recognized Alderman Kennedy, 4223 29th Avenue, who said he would like the Committee to consider what voter turnout looks like per neighborhood.

The Committee recognized Alderman Bostrom, 1720 75th Street, who asked if the Committee considered future growth of districts when mapping out new boundaries. Alderman Bogdala said that was considered.

Committee Comments

Alderman Bogdala thanked Staff and noted all copies and information discussed at this meeting are in draft form at this point. All copies reviewed tonight should be turned in before anyone leaves the meeting. We don't want to give anyone the wrong impression if these materials are circulated.

Alderman Misner said he did not participate in discussion tonight because he was involved in some family obligations and he is catching up on information presented so far.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Nudo and seconded by Alderman Bogdala. The motion passed unanimously (6 ayes; 0 noes). The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.