

**SPECIAL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**Agenda**  
**Wednesday, June 22, 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 8, 2011*

1. Citizens Comments
2. Review and Discussion of Alternatives

Committee Comments

*Adjournment*

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**SPECIAL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes**  
**June 8, 2011**

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Alderman Downing and Alderman Prozanski

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 Bogdala and roll call was taken.

A motion to approve the minutes from June 1, 2011 was made by Alderman Nudo and seconded by Alderman Ruffolo. The motion passed unanimously. (5 ayes; 0 noes).

**1. Citizens Comments**

No Citizen Comments

**2. Review and Discussion of Alternatives**

Matt Knight, Assistant City Attorney shared information as a follow-up to the June 1st meeting, based on his research and discussion with the State Staff:

- The question was asked if the State has ever challenged a plan that was presented to them. *There has not been any state-level challenges; the challenge would come from a citizen, another municipality or the county through the circuit court after they evaluate what criteria was met or not met.*
- The question was asked if there is any incumbent protection. *There is no incumbent protection requirement in the current redistricting process.*
- The question was asked on the definition of "substantially equal" regarding the population of a ward or district. *There is no fixed standard, but each municipality is urged to do the best they can to have substantially equal population in each district.*
- The question was asked regarding consideration for growth and having lesser population in some areas anticipating future growth. *There is language in Section 5.15 regarding to keeping wards whole as practically as possible and leaving population lower to anticipate for growth.*

Alderman Ruffalo asked if there are two wards, with a strip of land in the Village of Pleasant Prairie in the middle, are these wards considered contiguous? Mr. Knight referred to language in Section 62.08 summarizing that Aldermanic districts must be constructed from contiguous wards and it should be limited to doing any exceptions for these rare types of circumstances.

Alderman Orth said, so the State won't challenge this? Mr. Knight said they are looking at more procedural matters. The Committee should be focusing on creating the wards at this time and some of the other problems may work themselves out.

Alderman Misner asked how long does anyone have to challenge the submitted plan, is it 60 days? Mr. Knight said that within 14 days they must announce the challenge and then present an alternate plan.

Alderman Nudo said the County presented their plan idea, now we present our suggestion, what if the County does not like our idea? Mr. Knight said that is when the challenge could occur, but we should be working with the County.

Alderman Bogdala asked Mr. Callovi to bring up a map from the last meeting that the group could work from.

Alderman Orth suggested to make wards smaller, roughly 1,400 - 1,450 people in each ward. Then the County could grab the wards to construct their districts. Alderman Bogdala asked how many wards we currently have. Mr. Callovi said 78.

Alderman Orth said it is difficult to take 5,000 people out of the 17th District without doing a huge shift. Alderman Bogdala suggested some existing wards have less than 800 people, these smaller wards could be combined and shifted.

Alderman Ruffolo asked if he could get a map with all of the City Aldermen and County Supervisors homes designated on the map? Then we could make sure that two Supervisors are not designated to one ward. Mr. Callovi said he does not have access to that type of map, but will check with the County.

Alderman Orth and Alderman Nudo worked together on an alternative during the past week, Alderman Orth asked that Test Map #2 be shared with the Committee. This map was created with the objective of having similar population in each aldermanic district. Alderman Orth reiterated this is a Test Map only - not in final form by any means.

Alderman Orth asked why there is such a significant variation in demographic characteristics between the two census periods. Mr. Callovi explained a large part is because of how the census question was phrased and how a participant was allowed to respond. The numbers in the 2000 Census are distorted because of this.

Alderman Nudo said he and Alderman Orth did not take into consideration where an incumbent lives or any demographics when creating the map - it was by population only. Alderman Orth added the demographics are pretty close, but they need some work. Alderman Orth again suggested breaking each of these districts into four wards. This would make it easier for the County to combine into their districts. Mr. Knight added that the handout from the Legislative Reference Bureau, page 2, suggests what each ward should be made up of whole census blocks.

Alderman Nudo asked Mr. Knight if this map could now be shared with other Committee members for them to take and make changes to this map. Mr. Knight said yes, now that this is presented, it is public information. This can be shared with others at this time and you could also break into different groups to work on projects.

Jeffrey B. Labahn, City Planner, said there are three more weekly committee meetings to work at before the target July 6th meeting of the Common Council. Rich Schroeder, Assistant City Planner, added after this is passed by the Common Council, there is a 60 day period for the County to work on the Supervisory districts and the Common Council to adopt aldermanic districts.

***Committee Comments***

Alderman Bogdala thanked Staff for their work.

Alderman Ruffolo thanked the other Alderpersons for attending the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Ruffolo and seconded by Alderman Nudo. The motion passed unanimously (5 ayes; 0 noes). The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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