

SPECIAL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Agenda

Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at 6:00 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 22, 2011

1. Citizens Comments
2. Review and Discussion of Alternatives
3. Approval of a Ward Plan for the City of Kenosha

Committee Comments

Adjournment

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SPECIAL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE
Minutes
June 22, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderman Bogdala, Alderman Ruffolo, Alderman Downing,
Alderman Nudo and Alderman Prozanski

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Alderman Misner and Alderman Orth

STAFF PRESENT: Jeffrey B. Labahn, Rich Schroeder, Mike Callovi,
Matt Knight and John Bloner

Also present were Mayor Bosman, Alderman Haugaard, Alderman Ohnstad, Alderman Marks and Alderman Bostrom.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Alderman Ruffolo and noted that Alderman Orth and Alderman Misner were excused.

A motion to approve the minutes from June 8, 2011 was made by Alderman Bogdala and seconded by Alderman Nudo. The motion passed unanimously. (5 ayes; 0 noes).

1. Citizens Comments

No Citizens Comments

2. Review and Discussion of Alternatives

Alderman Ruffolo asked Mr. Callovi to display the map, created by Alderman Orth and Alderman Nudo, that the Committee was working on at the last meeting. Alderman Nudo briefed the Committee that this map was created by using existing boundaries and the incumbents were not considered when forming the districts. This is strictly a *working map*.

Discussion was held on how to overlay the ward within these districts. Mr. Callovi advised this could not be done without losing the original data. The Committee worked on dividing districts into wards with appropriate population in each ward.

Alderman Ruffolo asked that other Staff and Alderman in attendance be noted in the minutes from now on.

Alderman Nudo said that he and Alderman Orth have been working on another map that divides the districts into wards, but it is still a *working map*. This map was then introduced. Alderman Nudo said the goal at this time was to look at incumbents and the neighborhoods. With this new map there is an aldermanic representative in every district. The wards were based on this goal as well. All rules were followed when establishing the wards.

Alderman Bogdala asked if there were 4 wards in each district. Alderman Nudo said yes. Alderman Bogdala asked if we could have more wards if needed. Mr. Callovi said yes, we can have as many wards as needed, as long as they meet the requirements, we currently have 78 wards. The City Clerks office must have different ballots for each

ward Alderman Nudo said we have so many wards because of the material the county gave us to work with.

Alderman Ruffolo asked if Staff can place the location of all the County Supervisors and Aldermen on the map. Mr. Callovi said yes. The Committee reviewed some of the totals for each district and found the totals were consistent with State guidelines.

Matt Knight, City Attorney, pointed out there was one district that could possibly be challenged because it may not be considered contiguous, District #14. This area was reviewed and discussion was held on the interpretation of the guidelines.

Alderman Prozanski asked if the properties in this district are currently contiguous. Mr. Callovi said yes. If the current wards were expanded at all, they would be too large per the guidelines. It was decided to move a few census blocks to create a new ward or wards that were contiguous.

Mr. Knight reiterated that not being contiguous could be a basis for a challenge. It would be better if the population was slightly lower/higher than the issue of having land that is not contiguous. Mr. Knight said he didn't have other maps with him, but so far this is the only potential issue.

The Chairman recognized Alderman Haugaard who suggested trying to keep more of the northerly districts as they are currently. Alderman Nudo said we must shift lines slightly throughout the entire City to compensate for the large growth in the 17th District that must be divided up.

Alderman Bogdala said this is a good working map. The Committee could make a few minor changes to this map. Mayor Bosman suggested altering District #3, it was a very odd shaped district.

Alderman Marks said she is concerned with the minority representation and asked if the new map will keep the representation similar to how it is currently. The Committee reviewed the breakdown of the minorities by proposed districts.

Yolanda Adams, 4202 45th Street, Kenosha, 10 years ago during this process we could see maps of where the concentration of the Hispanic and African-Americans were. Can we see those maps again? Are you considering where the concentrations are? Alderman Nudo said when this map was created, we looked into that and were careful not to cut these areas in half.

Alderman Downing was excused.

Alderman Marks said she wants to make sure the higher concentration for the minorities is considered to allow for the possibilities of voting.

The Committee directed Mr. Callovi to work on moving designated census blocks and created a ward or wards to make District 14 contiguous.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Nudo and seconded by Alderman Bogdala. The motion passed unanimously (4 ayes; 0 noes). The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Meeting Minutes Prepared by: Kay Schueffner, Department of City Development