**AD HOC REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, January 13, 2022**

**Sharon Bushor Conference Room, 1st Floor, City Hall; Via Zoom**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Greg Shepler; Daniel Munteanu; Anne Breña; Jim Holway; George Love; Robert Bristow-Johnson; Rama Kocherlakota; Richard Hillyard

**Staff Present:** Daniel Richardson (City Attorney)

**Others in Attendance:** Chris Haessly; Lea Terhune; Barbara Headrick; Carolyn Bates

Meeting called to order at 5:15 PM.

**1.0   Election of Chair and Agenda**

**1.01 Motion to Elect Chair**

There was a motion by the members to appoint Jim Holway to act as chair of the Committee for this meeting. The nomination was not opposed and was unanimous. A Motion to adopt the agenda was similarly approved by consent of the Committee.

**2.0 Adopt Minutes**

No minutes were prepared for the Committee to review or adopt.

**3.0   Public Forum**

* Lea Terhune spoke about the City Council Resolution and wanted to understand the Committee’s next steps and what force the Committee’s report would have on the process going forward.
* Barbara Headrick spoke about the recommendations for the elimination of Ward 8 and wanted to include the recommendations in the Committee’s final report. She also spoke in support of a core downtown ward and emphasized the need for a cohesive ward rather than simply compact.
* Carolyn Bates discussed the work she had done, particularly in regards to the Maple-King neighborhood and urged the Committee to forward her work to the Council as part of the record in this process.
* Chris Haessly made a power point presentation outlining his proposal to develop a core downtown ward. Mr. Haessly’s presentation included proposed maps that would reconfigure other wards and some effort to make the new ward fit into the overall purpose of redistricting.

**4.0    Deliberation: Discussion of the Meyerhoff Report**

There was a general discussion by the Committee members about the Meyerhoff report and whether the Committee wished to adopt it, modify it, or reject it.

Following discussion by the Committee, Robert Bristow-Johnson made the following motion, which was seconded by Greg Shepler:

The Committee adopts the Meyerhoff report and directs that the report be transmitted to Council with the following addition that any individual Committee member may, by January 14th, submit a statement reflecting any additional information or perspectives that they wish to add in their individual capacity as an addendum to the report.

The Motion passed 7 yeas to 1 nay with Richard Hillyard dissenting.

Following the approval of the motion, the Committee engaged in the following discussions:

Members discussed making recommendations for future redistricting committees including requests to engage in mapping; better calendaring and planning; and increasing public participation in the public meetings.

This evolved into the following motion by George Love with a second by Robert Bristow-Johnson:

The Committee recommends to the Council that it allow future redistricting committees to review and propose potential ward and district maps.

The Motion passed unanimously.

Finally, the Committee discussed who from the Committee would present the report to the Council on January 24th. The Committee agreed with the recommendation of the City Attorney that the number of Committee members presenting should be limited to 2-3 members. After some discussion, there was a motion by Richard Hillyard with a second by Greg Shepler to decide on who to send from the Committee to Council. This motion passed unanimously.

Following discussion, there was consensus that three members was the right number for the Committee to send. The following members were initially proposed:

Richard Hillyard

Jim Holway

Greg Shepler

George Love

Robert Bristow-Johnson

Following this, Jim Holway explained that he was unavailable on January 24th. Richard Hillyard withdrew his name from consideration as he felt his opinions were too far at odds with the majority of the Committee. Robert Bristow-Johnson also demurred from presenting.

Lea Terhune volunteered to take Jim Holway’s place as she had been nominated to serve as Jim Holway’s alternate to the Committee.

Richard Hillyard objected to this proposal as he felt that alternates were not authorized by the Council resolution and should not play such a role.

Other members of the Committee disagreed. They expressed confidence in Lea Terhune’s ability to serve in this role because she had attended all of the Committee’s meetings. They also noted that since the Committee had not ruled that alternates could not serve that there was nothing preventing her from so serving. Finally, Committee members noted that this role was informal and did not require Lea Terhune to cast a vote.

Following this discussion the Committee came to consensus that the following members/alternates would speak to Council:

Greg Shepler

George Love

Lea Terhune

The Committee did not direct the members to make specific points to the Council but recommended that they generally transmit the Committee’s experience to the Council.

**5.0 Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn was by consensus with a unanimous approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm.