

MINUTES
REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE
Regular Meeting
May 28, 1992 7:00 p.m.
Messiah Lutheran Church
570 E. Orange Grove Blvd., Pasadena

Chairman Bogaard called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Susan Arcaris
William J. Bogaard
Christina Cook (Arrived 7:25 p.m.)
Elias Galvan
Edward Garlock
Marvin Greer
Ann Marie Hickambottam (Arrived 8:20 p.m.)
Dr. James King, Jr. (Arrived 7:20 p.m.)
Edward Matys (Arrived 7:37 p.m.)
Edward Maya
Joe Morales
Fred Register (Arrived 7:24 p.m.)
Rosemary Schroeder (Arrived 7:20 p.m.)
Paul Secord
Christopher Sutton (Arrived 7:20 p.m.)

Absent: None

Staff: Victor J. Kaleta, City Attorney
Jane L. Rodriguez, Acting Asst. City Clerk

Consultants: David Ely, Pactech
Manuel Valencia, Valencia, Maldonado & Escheveste

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Marvin Greer, seconded by Joe Morales, to approve the minutes of February 13, 1992. (Motion unanimously carried)

Motion by Joe Morales, seconded by Marvin Greer, to approve the minutes of March 19, 1992. (Motion unanimously carried)

Motion by Paul Secord, seconded by Marvin Greer, to approve the minutes of March 21, 1992. (Motion unanimously carried)

Motion by Joe Morales, seconded by Marvin Greer, to approve the minutes of April 2, 1992. (Motion unanimously carried)

Motion by Marvin Greer, seconded by Joe Morales, to approve the minutes of April 16, 1992. (Motion unanimously carried)

COMMUNICATIONS

Discussion ensued regarding letter from Charles Weissburd, County Recorder, regarding deadline of redistricting plan. It was stressed that if new districts are not submitted to the Registrar-Recorder's Office by July 1st, or shortly thereafter, precincts will be frozen for the November 3 election, and the Registrar's Office may not be able to provide new precinct maps and listing of precinct voters to candidates running in the March 3, 1993 election. Chairman Bogaard underscored the time importance in submitting a final recommendation to the City Council and urged that the City Council, if at all possible, comply with the time requirement of July 1st.

The following additional letters were received and filed:

1. Letter from Mr. Hall Daily supplementing his comments at the May 14th meeting.
2. Letter from Mr. Paul Little regarding redistricting effects on District 2 and the Bungalow Heaven neighborhood.
3. Letter from East California Residents Association in opposition to Concept A.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Mr. Dan Kealey, 1622 Oakdale Street, expressed concern for his neighborhood bounded on the north by Del Mar, on the west by Hill Avenue, on the south by California Boulevard, and the on east by Berkeley. He voiced his opposition to Concept A because he stated it combines this single-family neighborhood with rental units and commercial development. He spoke of the need for his neighborhood to identify with other single-family areas, and stated a preference for Concepts B and D.
2. Mr. Daniel Aranovich, 1650 Oakdale, expressed concern for over development of rental buildings. He stated he shares Mr. Kealey's concerns and favors the other concepts, except Concept A.
3. Mr. Frank Rocha, 20-year resident of Linda Vista area, provided a brief review of the public's reaction to the four concepts and concluded that only Concept B is left on the table. He stated he did not believe that Concept B is the bottom line. He reviewed policy question six regarding best representation of Latinos and provided statistics on the Latino population in the city and within the School District.
4. Mr. Martin Enriquez-Marques submitted a four-page letter and reviewed parts of his letter. Mr. Marques concluded by stating that by the process of elimination that only Concept A is acceptable in preserving the needs and aspirations of the Brown (Chicano) American populace in Pasadena. Letter was received and filed.

Manuel Valencia updated the Task Force in the following areas of outreach: community outreach, news media, direct mailings, and his attendance at Task Force meetings.

Discussion ensued regarding the amount of funds budgeted for outreach, and whether additional funds could be budgeted. Chairman Bogaard stated he would explore internally what might be done to recognize an extraordinary and extremely professional effort by Mr. Valencia's firm.

Marvin Greer provided a brief summary of comments from two District 1 residents who had appeared at the May 16th meeting, which was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. Mr. Greer stated both residents felt their views were not being represented by past and current representatives, and they felt there was a need to split District 1.

Chairman Bogaard provided a summary of his presentation before the City Council.

Dr. King stated that concern had been raised that the Task Force has ignored the charges given to it. The City Attorney reviewed the criteria and stated he felt the Task Force has followed the criteria.

Discussion ensued as to whether one or more plans should be presented to the City Council and whether a vote should first be taken on the plans to see if there is unanimous or close to unanimous support for one plan before deciding on whether to send one or more plans to the City Council.

Motion by Joe Morales, seconded by Christopher Sutton, to submit one configuration plan to the City Council. (Motion carried by majority (9) show of hands)

Task Force members were asked to report on their preferred rank order of the concepts.

- Fred Register - Concept B first, Concept C second, Concept D third, Concept A last. Suggests attempting to modify Concept B to alleviate concerns of Bungalow Heaven.
- Ann Hickambottam - Leans toward Concepts B and A, closer to B. Concepts C and D get no ranking.
- Marvin Greer - Supports Concept B.
- Edward Garlock - Supports Concept B, Concept C is a distant second. Concepts D and A are non-starters.
- Joe Morales - Supports Concept B. Suggests modifications for Bungalow Heaven area if it does not dilute Latino voting strength.

- Edward Maya - Between Concepts A and B - supports B with modifications to the Latino district. Concepts C and D do not address the real issues.
- Christina Cook - Supports Concept B, Concept A has questions, Concepts C and D are out.
- Elias Galvan - Supports Concepts B first and Concept A second. Concept B may need some fine tuning. Originally had supported Concept A first, but after listening to public testimony it became obvious Concept A has some wrinkles.
- Paul Secord - Supports Concept B first, Concept C second, and Concepts D and A last in no particular order.
- Susan Arcaris - Supports Concept C first. Concepts B and C have a majority of Hispanic population. Greater amount of Hispanic potential with Concept C. Concept C would best serve Hispanic community. Concept A was unacceptable from public comment.
- Rosemary Schroeder - Supports Concepts B first, Concept C second, Concept D third, Concept A last.
- Edward Matys - Supports Concept B first, Concept C second. Concept A is not on the map.
- Dr. James King - Supports Concept C.
- Christopher Sutton - Prefers Concept A. Concept B is acceptable, meets criteria of Voting Rights Act but needs straighter lines. Aspects of Concepts C and D, in particular those aspects outside minority community, should be considered.
- William Bogaard - Supports Concept B. District C in Concept B may need to be modified.

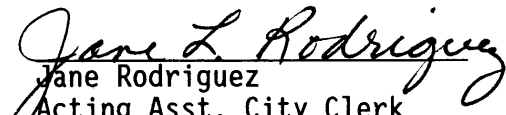
Mr. David Ely, Pactech, was asked to discuss the possibility of modifying District C in Concept B. Mr. Ely discussed the two different approaches taken to get Latino representation in the city, the differences in raw numbers of the districts that used the different approaches, and compared the Latino districts in various concepts. Mr. Ely stated he did not think the Task Force would get major changes without completely reconfiguring districts. In response to a question, Mr. Ely stated the major fine tuning that could be done basically is to try and increase the raw population and sacrificing registration somewhat in doing it. He expressed concern for the impacts to District B in fine tuning.

Motion by Edward Garlock, seconded by Rosemary Schroeder, to recommend adoption of Concept B as it is without modification. (Motion carried) (Noes: Susan Arcaris, Dr. James King) (Absent: Christina Cook)

Dr. James King expressed concern that in ten years families east of the Arroyo, mostly Black, are afraid they will lose their identity and just become part of the Northwest.

Ann Hickambottom stated she had voted based on what she thought was for the good of the community and that the intent was to approve a plan that would diminish animosity between Blacks and Hispanics. She stated she would speak out against any action she had taken if the future determines she made a wrong decision.

Chairman Bogaard adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.


Jane Rodriguez
Acting Asst. City Clerk

NOTE: On order of the Chairman, these minutes were approved on July 31, 1992.