



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 3, 2022
DAVID GEBHARD PUBLIC MEETING ROOM
630 GARDEN ST, SANTA BARBARA, CA

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Chair Hon. Melinda A. Johnson (Ret.), Hon. Abraham Khan (Ret.), Hon. Elizabeth Allen White (Ret.).

Commissioners absent: None.

Staff present: Brandon Beaudette, Acting Assistant to the City Administrator; Ariel Calonne, City Attorney; Michelle Sosa-Acosta, Deputy City Attorney; Norma Cervantes, Administrative Analyst; Dr. Daniel Phillips, National Demographics Corporation.

All present.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Changes to the Agenda

B. Public Comment. Any member of the public may address the Commission on any subject within its jurisdiction that is not scheduled on this agenda for a public discussion.

The following individuals spoke:

1. Frank Rodriguez, CAUSE
2. Fred Marsh, Eucalyptus Hill Homeowner's Association
3. Dree Hudson Daugherty
4. Roxanne Clare
5. Lesley Wiscomb
6. Lindsey Baker, League of Women Voters Santa Barbara
7. Loy Beardsmore, Eucalyptus Hill Improvement Association
8. Councilmember Kristen Sneddon
9. Councilmember Mike Jordan
10. Sheila Lodge
11. Dr. Lanny Ebenstein, Committee for District Elections

C. Approval of the minutes of the Independent Redistricting Commission meeting of February 12, 2022. The Commissioners moved to approve the February 12 minutes.

NOTICES

INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION REPORTS

1. Presentation by the City's demographer, National Demographics Corporation ("NDC") on the release of additional draft maps. Commission members will discuss the viability of the draft maps.

Public Comment:

The following individuals spoke:

1. Loy Beardsmore, Eucalyptus Hill Improvement Association
2. Councilmember Alejandra Gutierrez
3. Dr. Lanny Ebenstein, Committee for District Elections
4. Councilmember Oscar Gutierrez
5. Councilmember Kristen Sneddon

Chair Johnson requested that NDC create a map that cuts the census blocks along Eucalyptus Hill to keep the neighborhood intact.

2. Discussion of Commissioners' availability for the March 30 public hearing.

The Commissioners agreed they are available on March 30 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

3. Discussion of Future Agendas.

Chair Johnson recommended the Commission begin considering narrowing the draft maps.

City Attorney Ariel Calonne recommended the IRC direct staff to prepare a matrix of the pros and cons of the proposed draft maps. The Commissioners agreed.

NDC confirmed it would create "E" variation maps of the "R" plans and a recently submitted District Elections Committee plan (the "DEC plan") to address the Eucalyptus Hill issue.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the Independent Redistricting Commission of the City of Santa Barbara on March 14, 2022.

SANTA BARBARA INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

HON. MELINDA A. JOHNSON, (RET.) CHAIR