



INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

Minutes – October 21, 2021

Regular Members:				Alternate Members:	
	Jennifer Waggoner (District 1)	X	James Torrey (District 4)	X	1.Laura Fenimore (District 4)
X	Alan Laisure (District 1)	X	Stefan Ostrach (District 4)	X	2.Ellen McKean (District 5)
X	LaRece Rivera (District 1)	X	Linda Hamilton (District 4)		
X	Natalie Fisher (District 2)		Madison Newell (District 4)		
X	George Grier (District 2)	X	Tony Corcoran (District 5)		
X	Morgan Munro (District 3)	X	Ashley Pelton (District 5)		
X	Natalie Dybens (District 3)	X	Kevin Cronin (District 5)		
	Vincent Murphy (District 3)	12	Total Regular Members	2	Total Alternates as Regular

Staff:

X	Judy Williams, IRC Liaison	X	Cheryl Betschart, County Clerk	Steve Dingle, County Counsel
	Laura Holtgrieve, Minutes	X	Kyle Overstake, LCOG GIS	Bob Denouden, LCOG GIS

1. Call to Order:
Chair Munro called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Introductions and Credentialing:
Vice Chair Dybens led introductions. Alternate Members Fenimore and McKean will be voting members during tonight’s meeting.
3. Public comment:
There were no public comments.
4. Approval of Draft Minutes:
Chair Munro asked if there was any discussion or adjustments on the draft committee minutes from October 14, 2021. Member Dybens’ name needs to be corrected on page 3 (last name is missing an “s”). The amended minutes were unanimously approved among voters present.
5. Staff Updates:
Ms. Williams and the County Public Information Officer will advertise upcoming Independent Redistricting Committee timelines and information as applicable. Mr. Overstake will add a layer to final proposed maps that show existing and proposed commissioner boundary lines.

Member Grier reported that some boundary lines or layers are not GEO registered properly (off slightly) and should be reviewed by Mr. Overstake and Ms. Williams.
6. Process Review (workflow):
Ms. Williams presented a draft committee workflow.

- October 21: Review process and newly adjusted maps. Discuss narrowing down maps.
- October 25: Public comment; Ranked Choice Voting; Discuss format on recommendations to Commissioners.
- October 28: Public comment; Ranked Choice Voting to choose three or fewer recommended maps.
- November 1: Public comment; Review committee proposal to Board of County Commissioners; Discuss how to improve the committee process for future committee members.

7. Discuss and Compare Maps to Date:

Chair Munro asked if anyone had questions on the submitted maps.

Ms. Pelton has one last iteration to make to her map. Changing from two split districts to one split district. After discussion, Chair Munro requested all committee members to submit any minor changes to their maps to Ms. Williams by 2:00 p.m., October 22, 2021.

Member Laisure asked if it's necessary for the committee website to display the withdrawn maps. Chair Munro stated the maps are included for transparency purposes and requested Ms. Williams to make a subfolder on the website for previously discussed and withdrawn maps.

Member Ostrach withdrew his October 14, 2021 meeting ultimatum that he would not be being willing to accept a map that divided Santa Clara and River Road.

In regards to Ms. Pelton's map, Member Cronin is concerned with Junction City being included in the East Lane district. Oregon Revised Statutes state that you should try to ensure areas of the district are connected via transportation corridors. Junction City is on the other side of the river from the rest of the district and no road is available to take from Junction City to the other part of the district.

Member Torrey requested Ms. Williams to add the committee member's name and map letter to the naming convention on the website so it's easier to track and/or find what you're looking for. Chair Munro shared that committee names should be omitted from the maps on the website in order to ensure the focus was on the maps and not the individual name associated with it. Ms. Williams can update the website so that the remaining maps are easier to identify from the long list of maps. Chair Munro summarized that we will try our best to refer to map letters consistently in order to avoid confusion.

Member Grier reported that PDF versions of maps includes an overlay and causes confusion. Chair Munro requested the committee to remove overlays in any PDF maps and to include them in the summary information instead.

8. Review Any Newly Adjusted Maps:

Map O (adjustment of Map B) – Member Pelton:

- Only two neighborhoods are split now, Churchill and West Eugene. (Current districts have five splits).
- Keeps River Road and Santa Clara together as one district.
- Keeps Bethel in one district.
- Keeps Harlow Road together

- Doesn't have Springfield entering into the Eugene area or crossing Interstate 5.
- Removed Junction City from the map (per Member Cronin's suggestion)
- Map will be revised tonight to include only the Churchill neighborhood split.

Ms. Pelton asked if the group has a preference for a neighborhood split. Churchill or Harlow? In addition, is there a preference to keep Lane Community College (LCC) in District 5? (Her map has LCC in District 3).

Member Cronin would rather have Harlow split and unify Churchill and reported that the State Senate boundary map has the Lane County bridge in it. Map O doesn't have the bridge in it because it's a different county. Chair Munro stated that this is the challenge. Many of the maps for District 5 are cut in dramatic ways without transportation corridor links because it's a way to handle many of the corridor challenges. Member Pelton will re-work the map to address the transportation corridor issue.

Chair Munro shared that a good place to draw the line in the LCC area would be in the 30th Avenue area.

Map P – Member Waggoner

Ms. Williams gave a high-level overview of Map P. Ms. Waggoner is available by text if the committee has any questions. Changes include:

- East Lane needs to expand into Eugene, as it's adjacent to the Churchill neighborhood.
- West Lane to be the same.
- South Eugene contains all of the University of Oregon community of interest. It unifies South Eugene and stays within the limits of Eugene.

Member Ostrach stated that the changes made to his Map L has a lot of West Eugene in the East Lane district, which doesn't make sense.

Map Q (adjustment of Map G) – Member Cronin

- This is Member Cronin's only map.
- Added Glenwood back to Springfield
- Creswell is becoming the bedroom community of South Eugene. Creswell has the highest income in all of Lane County per capita, which aligns with the South Eugene District.
- Unifies Pleasant Hill area.
- Churchill neighborhood.
- Northern boundary, existing and future political boundaries of the City of Eugene ward along Royal Avenue. Unifies ballot split.
- North Whitaker is split up.

Member Torrey shared that Whitaker is more closely aligned with the center of the City of Eugene and to the South than it is to the North. He believes Whitaker students go to South Eugene.

Map N – Member Dybens

The committee reviewed the map online.

Member Cronin asked if one committee meeting could be omitted to speed up the voting process. Chair Munro stated that the all meetings are necessary in order to give people enough time between the culling and final voting and isn't sure how voting could occur sooner than October 25, 2021

Member Grier asked for clarification on the map submission timeline and time limit for public comment. Ms. Williams requested map changes by 2:00 p.m., October 22, 2021. Public comment will be limited to a total of 15 minutes at the beginning of the meeting.

Member Hamilton asked if it would be a conflict of interest if someone on the committee received monetary funds from a current Commissioner. Ms. Williams phoned County Counsel, Steve Dingle and left a message, and reported that she and Chair Munro will discuss this issue with Member Hamilton after the meeting tonight.

9. Adjustments to Maps:

Member Cronin would like to decide the map voting process at tonight's meeting. After discussion, Member Corcoran motioned for each member to vote for three maps First choice is 3 points, Second choice is 2 points and third choice is 1 point. Member Torrey seconded the motion. Member Corcoran motioned to amend the motion to state, "vote up to three maps." Member Ostrach seconded the amended motion. Chair Munro led the vote via roll call. The amended motion was unanimously approved among voters present. The voting will be recorded on an Excel spreadsheet "live" during the October 28, 2021 committee meeting.

Member Hamilton inquired about the public input process. Chair Munro stated that each of the committee meetings offer time for public comment. There will be additional opportunities during the Board of County Commissioner meetings when they are discussing the proposed maps from the committee.

The committee then discussed the process of elimination for the maps. Member Rivera made a motion to eliminate maps for consideration with one or fewer points. Member Hamilton seconded the motion. Chair Munro led a roll call vote. The motion was unanimously approved among voters present.

10. Items for Next Agenda

- Public comment (with a time limit of a total 15 minutes)
- Releasing committee member Vincent Murphy from committee for absences and promoting Alternate Member Fenimore to that permanent seat.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.