

MEETING SUMMARY
Redistricting Committee of the BOCC
10am-12pm
Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Attendance

Staff: Brian Francis, Assistant to the County Manager
Rebecca Herbert, Facilitator
Tracy Edwards, Administrative Assistant

Members: Aisha Dew, Chair
Antoine Dennard
Bryan Holladay
Lawrence Shaheen
Arthur Griffin
Robin Bradford
Mike Walker
John Autry
Lee Teague

Absent: None

Brian Francis called the meeting to order

I. Introduction

Mr. Francis explained the agenda for today's meeting. He stated that the committee would receive a demo from Tobin Bradley who is with the GIS department, hear comments, discussion and follow up items from the last meeting. Mr. Francis applauded Mr. Bradley for his work and dedication on the design and creation of the web base map.

II. Map

Tobin Bradley addressed the online map and tool.

Mr. Bradley stated that the site was very simply and that it only had three web pages. He also stated that the data has been released. He began to give a demonstration of how the actual web tool worked and explained the different color criteria that would help the committee reach their goal. He noted that you will get a warning message if you change a town out of a district. He stated that once you submit a plan you can go to view plans and see all the plans that have been submitted.

Mr. Francis said they thought about seeking public comments on either all plans or ones that's being narrowed down. He said they wanted to create a web page that would allow the public to make comments. He noted that the power point would also be included on this page. He said when reviewing the plans only look at the plans that meet the criteria. He said he e-mailed a copy of this tool to the math departments at University's around the County and stated that this would be an interesting academic experience for them to figure out what possible different number of plans could meet the population criteria.

Mr. Bradley stated that if you go to submit a plan that someone else has already submitted it will tell you this plan has already been submitted.

Mr. Francis said if you see red on the bar that means you cannot submit the plan. If you see yellow you can submit the plan but however all the criteria wasn't met but that it's only when you see all green that the criteria has been met.

III. Public Records

Brian Francis addressed public records.

Mr. Francis stated that he had spoken to the County Attorney regarding this matter and that whatever county staff does creates a public record. The Committee having been appointed by the BOCC is a public entity and the work of the Committee is a public record. He said anything done individually is not a public record but once it's submitted and shared with the Committee is becomes a public record.

Mr. Francis said the plans going forward are to review the plans in June, decide on 4 or 5 plans to recommend to the BOCC in July, present those plans to the BOCC in August and have the BOCC adopt the plan at the second meeting in September.

IV. Actions Taken

- A. (Reaffirmed) Decision-Making Model – Consensus
- B. (Reaffirmed) Racial Criteria – Voting Age Population
- C. (Reaffirmed) Percentage of Voter Age population for Majority-Minority District 53-55%
- D. (Pending) Partisanship Criteria

V. Calendar Reminders

- A. The meetings were set for the 1st Tuesday of the month except for July which was set for the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 10am-noon, location 267.