

MINUTES OF MEETING WAYNE COUNTY APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION MAY 6, 2011

A meeting of the Wayne County Apportionment Commission was held on Friday, May 6, 2011, in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center Auditorium, 13th Floor, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Chair of the Wayne County Apportionment Commission, called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

Chair Wojtowicz asked the Assistant Director of Elections, Delphine G. Oden, to call the roll. The following members answered the roll call:

Present: Vice-Chair Cathy M. Garrett
Commissioner William J. Runco
Commissioner William M. Wolfson
Commissioner Kym L. Worthy
Chair Raymond J. Wojtowicz

Absent: None.

Ms. Oden informed the commission that a quorum was present.

Also present: Janet Anderson-Davis, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Delphine G. Oden, Secretary to the Commission
Trevor Tutro-Anderson
Kevin Kavanagh, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Kurt Metzger, Data Driven Detroit
Gregory Parrish, Data Driven Detroit
Kat Hartman, Data Driven Detroit
Caven West
Trevor Tutro-Anderson
Greg P. Mahar
Felicia Johnson
Bill Johnson
Alan Helmkamp
Robert Levi
Sandra Thompson
John Pfeiffer
Shannon Price
Bruce Hack
R. Fisher
Sally Kim
Diane Webb
Lamar Lemmons

Chair Wojtowicz requested a motion to adopt the agenda, as presented. Moved by Commissioner Garrett, supported by Commissioner Runco to approve the agenda, as presented. A roll call vote was taken, as follows:

YEAS: Commissioners Garrett, Runco, Wolfson, Worthy and Chair Wojtowicz.
NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Chair Wojtowicz requested a motion to adopt the Minutes of April 12, 2011 and April 15, 2011. Moved by Commissioner Worthy, supported by Commissioner Runco, that the Minutes of April 12, 2011 and April 15, 2011, are hereby approved as presented. A roll call vote was taken, as follows:

YEAS: Commissioners Garrett, Runco, Wolfson, Worthy and Chair Wojtowicz.
NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Chair Wojtowicz requested a motion for Item 5(a) Presentation of Staff Plan, 1st Iteration by Data Driven Detroit. Moved by Commissioner Wolfson to receive and file. Discussion ensued regarding whether or not the plan can be discussed if it is received and filed; to adopt, support and discuss the plan; and having the plan presented prior to taking action. Commissioner Wolfson withdrew his motion.

Chair Wojtowicz asked Mr. Metzger to present the Staff Plan, 1st Iteration. Mr. Metzger indicated that the commissioner's packet of information of the 1st Iteration of the staff plan contained a number of documents, including the overall map of the plan, individual detailed maps of the districts, tables of the total population, average population they are trying to meet, and the variance from that; and information on racial and ethnic makeup of each of the districts and reference maps.

Mr. Metzger informed the commission that the plan represents 15 districts and they followed contiguity. We endeavored to maintain communities in terms of cities and townships; maintain their lines whenever possible, except when the population demands that there are splits, honored communities of interests and compacted the contiguity in the process.

Discussion and comments ensued: Plan indicates that Livonia, Allen Park and Westland are split; what districts they fall into - Allen Park is in Districts 13 and 15, Livonia is in Districts 8 and 9, Westland is in Districts 11 and 12; and the City of Detroit is in Districts 1,2,3,4,5,6 and 7; target population for each district is 121,372; deviation range is from a high of 4.5% to a low of -3.95% for a total of 8.45%; working within an 11.9% variation; using the 2010 census data to develop the plan; Wayne County population is 1,820,584; show by census tract the neighborhoods that average 3 to 4,000 people; districts are as compact as possible and any more compactness would actually split city and township boundaries; there are 43 communities in Wayne County and only four communities were split; Voting Rights Act was taken into consideration when preparing the plan; it would be helpful if the district numbers were included on the maps; maps regarding distribution of ethnic and racial groups – blue dots represents Latinos and Hispanics, gray dots represent the non-Hispanic white, yellow dots represents non-Hispanic black and red dots represents non-Hispanic Asian; distribution in the county is 49.6% non-Hispanic white, 40.3% non-Hispanic African American, 2.5%

non-Hispanic Asian, 5.2% Latino; Arab Americans are included in the white population because, in terms of the census, the government does not identify them; preparing a map that shows the split communities by districts, as well as the City of Detroit; the largest division in population is the City of Westland; the plan is a good one.

Commissioner Runco moved adoption of the plan for us to work on something and move forward in the hope that whatever plan that we develop will be as good as this plan. Discussion ensued regarding adopting the plan and amending it later; adopting the plan would be the plan that would be filed with the County Clerk and Secretary of State and foreclose opportunities to consider other plans; adopting plan for the purpose of continuing discussion and analysis; not asking for a vote today on the plan; receive and file the plan and make comments if there are future iterations; any changes to the plan would have to be by action of the commission; by receiving and filing the plan, it allows a commissioner at any time to bring the plan up for adoption, amend the plan, and receive subsequent plans for adoption. Commissioner Runco's motion was not supported.

Chair Wojtowicz suggested that the plan be received and filed subject to the presentation of additional information, as requested. and subject to any further individual review by members, in order for us to update the original.

Moved by Commissioner Wolfson, supported by Commissioner Worthy that the plan be received and filed. A roll call vote was taken, as follows:

YEAS: Commissioners Garrett, Runco, Wolfson, Worthy and Chair Wojtowicz.
NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Commissioner Garrett left the meeting at 11:42 a.m. to attend another urgent meeting and is excused.

Janet Anderson-Davis asked the board if copies can be made for the public upon request, since the plan is received and filed at the clerk's office. Chair Wojtowicz indicated that all records, maps and copies of the forms that we have will be available at the county clerk's office, Elections Division. Commissioner Runco wanted to know where did the handout entitled "Compact Analysis Report" that was distributed to the commission by Ms. Anderson-Davis came from. Ms. Anderson-Davis indicated that it came from Mr. Parrish. Commissioner Runco also asked if the legal summary came from Ms. Anderson-Davis' office and she indicated that it did. Commissioner Runco asked if the other document that was submitted regarding the population for each district came from Ms. Anderson-Davis. Ms. Anderson-Davis indicated that she prepared the document that morning. Commissioner Worthy indicated that when any additional information is submitted, that the commission receives it more than a day before the next meeting.

Chair Wojtowicz asked if there were any public comments. The following comments were made:

Felicia Johnson, Counsel to the Wayne County Commission - would like color copies of the three documents considered by the commission; asked the commission to

consider a projector or having copies available at the meetings; asked what is the solid deadline date for adopting a plan; and if the commission does not adopt a plan, what is the deadline to adopt a plan from the public. It was indicated that the latest that the commission can file a plan would be prior to June 6th and after that time, it is open to the public. Ms. Johnson asked what is the deadline for the public plan to be adopted. Ms. Anderson-Davis responded that it has to be 60 days after June 6th, but she would check to make sure.

Commissioner Worthy suggested that the meetings be held in a room where a screen and projector can be used.

Ms. Oden informed the commission that her department did not have a color printer or copier for providing color copies of the plan to the public. Ms Oden asked Mr. Parrish if it was possible to have the presentation e-mailed. If so, the plan can be e-mailed to the public upon request. Mr. Parrish indicated that they could provide electronic copies of all the documents they present.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 13, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.

Chair Wojtowicz called for adjournment, since there was no further business to come before the commission. Moved by Commissioner Wolfson, supported by Commissioner Worthy that the meeting is hereby adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Delphine G. Oden, Secretary