

Town of Riverdale Park
Redistricting Committee Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2022

In Attendance

Mayor Alan K. Thompson
Chris Fike, Committee Member
Ifiok Inyang, Committee Member
Kate Kelly, Committee Member

Jessica Barnes, Director of Administrative Services

Call to Order

Mayor Thompson called the Redistricting Committee Meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Fike made a motion to approve the Redistricting Committee Meeting agenda for November 16, 2022. Mr. Inyang seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-1 (Favorable)

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Alan K. Thompson: Abstain
Chris Fike: Aye
Kate Kelly: Aye
Ifiok Inyang: Aye

Discussion:

There were no changes to the agenda or stated conflicts of interest.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2022, Redistricting Committee Meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fike. Vote: 3-0-1 (Favorable)

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Alan K. Thompson: Abstain
Chris Fike: Aye
Kate Kelly: Aye
Ifiok Inyang: Aye

Discussion Items

1. Draft ward maps

Mayor Thompson displayed a map of the 2010 ward boundaries and provided an overview of three viable draft ward boundary maps labeled: 2020LessDisruptivePF, 2020NorthernSwathPFTwo, and 2020LessDisruptivePFbutVert.

Mayor Thompson discussed the public input received during the Community Conversations meeting.

Mr. Inyang discussed the various versions of the maps and asked how the Committee should proceed.

Mr. Fike stated that the discussion from the Community Conversations meeting indicated that the community wanted to keep blocks and groups together as much as possible. Mr. Fike discussed the draft ward boundary map labeled 2020Northern SwathPFTwo.

Mr. Fike asked resident Andrew Farrington about his comment that was submitted via chat message and Mr. Farrington withdrew his comment.

Mr. Fike, Mr. Inyang, and Mayor Thompson discussed the impact of the Purple Line on neighborhoods in close proximity and potential minor adjustments to the draft ward maps. Mayor Thompson discussed how the potential adjustments would impact the populations of the wards.

Mr. Fike and Mayor Thompson discussed minor adjustments to the draft ward boundary map titled 2020LessDisruptivePFbutVert. Ms. Kelly agreed with Mr. Fike's suggested adjustments.

Mr. Fike asked how many options the Committee could provide to the Council. Mayor Thompson stated it would be ideal to provide a couple of different but viable options to the Council.

Mayor Thompson stated that the 2020NorthernSwathPF was also a viable option with minor tweaks. Mr. Fike, Mr. Inyang, and Ms. Kelly agreed.

Mayor Thompson stated that he would make the adjustments discussed during the meeting to the two selected draft ward maps, 2020LessDisruptivePFbutVert and 2020NorthernSwathPF. There were no objections.

Ms. Kelly recommended renaming the maps.

2. Schedule for recommendations

Mayor Thompson discussed the timeline for the Council's consideration of the recommendations from the Redistricting Committee.

Mr. Inyang asked for clarity regarding the Council's process for adopting the final ward boundary map and Mayor Thompson provided an overview.

Mayor Thompson stated that the Committee appreciated Mr. Farrington's input.

Director Barnes noted that the street files report from the County Board of Elections would need careful review in preparation for the Town Election in May. Mayor Thompson asked Director Barnes to confirm what the County Board of Elections would need from the Town and stated that he could also generate a list of addresses for each ward.

New Business

There was no new business to be discussed.

Next Meeting

The Committee will meet again on December 8th at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Adjournment

Mr. Fike made a motion to adjourn the Redistricting Committee Meeting at 8:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Inyang. Vote: 3-0-1 (Favorable)

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Alan K. Thompson: Abstain

Kate Kelly: Aye

Ifiok Inyang: Aye

Chris Fike: Aye