



REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

MINUTES VIRTUAL OUTREACH MEETING SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM with all Commissioners in attendance, except for Wayne Goddard.

2. Map Presentations

Mr. Sidik explained the redistricting process for those who have not been following the meetings. He shared a timeline that outlined the entire process the Redistricting Commission performs. He explained that districts must be compact, contiguous, and substantially equal in population. His presentation will be attached to these minutes.

Joel Gallihue, Department of Planning and Zoning, assists the Redistricting Commission with creating maps. Mr. Gallihue shared the existing map of Harford County's districts A through F, which is **Map #1**. Mr. Gallihue shared **Map #2** – Mr. Robey's Revised Option. Mr. Gallihue shared **Map #3** – Aberdeen and Havre de Grace Proposal. He then shared **Map #4** – Aberdeen and Havre de Grace Plus Option. Lastly, he shared **Map #5** – Wilson Option. He showed the Redistricting Commission webpage that has all the options posted for viewing.

3. Public Comments

Ms. **Paula Casagrande** is from Havre de Grace. She is in support of the map presented by the mayors of Aberdeen and Havre de Grace. She does not feel properly served by her Council Member because he lives in Abingdon. She disagrees that the map was proposed because of the current Council Member's race. She supports Mayors Martin and McGrady's map.

Mr. **Jason Robertson** is a City Councilman for Havre de Grace. He is speaking tonight because he heard the comments from Mr. Wayne Goddard. He said nobody who helped create the proposed map did it because of race. The two municipalities have a lot of the same issues. He is insulted that race was brought up as a reason for the proposed map.

Mr. **Christopher Ricci** gave his educational background and stated he is the Deputy Director of Administration for the City of Havre de Grace and Human Resources Officer for the City of Havre de Grace. He is also a citizen of Havre de Grace. He said in Dave's Redistricting program, there is an analyze button which he said is a very valuable tool. He said the Aberdeen-Havre de Grace Plus Option is the best map that is available.

Ms. **Ronnie Davis** has been following the process. She is very interested in the combined map. She would like to hear more about how it benefits the citizens of Aberdeen and Havre de Grace. She also would like to know if it changes any precinct lines.

Mr. **David Pridgeon** is a lifelong Harford County resident and is involved in politics. He feels that Mr. Robey has an agenda and has a conflict of interest due to his involvement with the Aaron Penmen campaign. He called for Mr. Robey's resignation.

4. Commissioner Comments

Mr. Thornton expressed to the citizens his appreciation for those who spoke for taking the time to call in.

Mr. Robey thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He appreciates all the input that was shared. He looks forward to a spirited debate. He reminded everyone that this is an advisory commission and that the final decision will be made by the County Council.


Ms. Bracknell echoes the comments from everyone with thanking everyone for coming out. The commissions involvement ends next week but continues on with the County Council. She encouraged Ronnie Davis to send her questions to the Redistricting email so they can follow up.

Mr. Sidik said for everyone to keep in touch with the process. The map will be selected on Monday and on Thursday they will be finalizing the Councilmanic Redistricting Report that they will be presenting to the County Council.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM.

Approved _____


Chairperson


Date