



AGENDA

Elections Commission Meeting

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

6:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL MEETING

15151 E. Alameda Parkway

Aurora, CO 80012

Pages

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
 - 4.a. 08-10-2022 Election Commission Minutes 2
5. General Business
 - 5.a. 2023 Ward Redistricting 4
6. Miscellaneous Matters for Consideration
7. Adjournment

**Election Commission
City of Aurora, Colorado
August 10th, 2022
6:00 p.m.
Aurora Room
Hybrid Meeting**

Call to Order: Scott Irvin called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call: City Clerk Rodriguez called roll

Members Present: Mike Seufert, Scott Irvin, Molly Barrett, Bill McCartin, Lori Gimelshteyn

Staff Present: Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk; Cecilia Zapata, Deputy City Clerk; Daniel Krzyzanowski, Planning Supervisor; Dave Lathers, Assistant City Attorney

Approval of Agenda: Scott Irvin motions to approve the agenda, Lori Gimelshteyn seconds. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Molly Barrett motions to approve the 07-20-2022 minutes, Scott Irvin seconds the motion. Bill McCartin and Lori Gimelshteyn abstain from the vote since they were not present at the meeting. Motion passed.

Scott Irvin motions to approve the 07-06-2022 amended minutes. Lori asks for clarification on what specifically was amended in the minutes. Cecilia clarifies that under the 2023 Ward Redistricting Update section, Paragraph 3, sentence 3 that the following amendment was made by Scott Irvin, "Scott Irvin acknowledges CM Bergan's concern. Scott Irvin states that the more people we move it backfires on the criteria, but it doesn't mean that it's not important to do so." Scott motions to approve the minutes as amended Lori Gimelshteyn seconds. Motion passed.

2023 Ward Redistricting Update: The Commission begins reviewing the changes from the last meeting including, moving precinct 258 from ward 4 to ward 5, precinct 469 and 301 to ward 4 and precinct 319 to ward 5 creating scenario 4. Daniel displays scenario 4 to the commission with all the updates made at the last meeting. Daniel then presents a breakdown on what each individual change, and the cumulative change to population would be if the changes were approved. Scott Irvin questions if in scenario 4 if all council members are still within their wards, Daniel confirms they are. Lori brings up previous conversations the commission has had regarding moving precinct 319 due to its large population. Molly proposes keeping precinct 258 in ward 4 based from the numbers Daniel has run across the commission. The commission agrees on this move, and agrees that precincts 319, 469, and 301 should remain in their current wards. The Commission decides to name this new map as scenario 5. Bill motions that the scenario 5 map should be the map that the commission moves forward to the M&F Policy Committee, Molly seconds. Motion is passed by every member to submit scenario 5 as the recommended map.

Miscellaneous Items: Kadee confirms with the commission that she will review in detail all the legislative changes and updates and will describe the new ballot initiative in the September Election Commission meeting. Molly asks if there was any feedback that needs to be considered from the Ward 6 meeting. There were no updates to be considered by the commission.

Adjournment: Motion by Bill McCartin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lori Gimelshteyn seconds. The meeting is adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Scott Irvin, Chair

City of Aurora

2023 WARD BOUNDARY CHANGES

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Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk
Cecilia Zapata, Deputy City Clerk
Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Julie Patterson, Senior Communications Strategist

Daniel Krzyzanowski, Planning Supervisor
Andrea Barnes, Planner II
Marisa Noble, Planner
William Keever, GIS Manager

General Information

Overview

- Wards are reviewed prior to regular municipal elections held in years ending with '3' and '9'. – *Section 54-5 City Code*
- New ward boundaries must be completed no later than 180 days prior to the next regular municipal election. – *Article III, Section 3-4 City Charter*
- Review is done by Election Commission which makes recommendation to City Council. – *Article II, Section 2-3 City Charter*
- Ward boundary changes are adopted by ordinance.
- City staff creates new ward maps.
- Changes are sent to county clerks and the residents affected.

Criteria

Wards

1. Divided into six wards containing approximately the same number of people.
2. There should be between a 5% to 10% deviation between the least and most populous wards.
3. Sitting council members are not moved outside their ward.
4. Impact as few residents as possible.

Boundaries

1. Use natural or man-made boundaries, such as ditches and streets.
2. Maintain whole county precincts where possible. The only exception would be where a county precinct contains both a municipal and non-municipal portion.
3. Whenever a common boundary between wards lies in any public street or right-of-way, the boundary goes to the centerline of the street.

2023 Redistricting

Calendar

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|------------------------------|--|
| March 22, 2022 | M&F Committee Meeting - Informal presentation |
| March 31, 2022 | Population estimate |
| April 6, 2022 | Election Commission Meeting – Review updated information |
| April 26, 2022 | M&F Committee Meeting – Updated presentation |
| May 11 & 17, 2022 | Election Commission Meeting – Meet with Ward Council Members |
| June 22, 2022 | Election Commission Meeting |
| June 28, 2022 | M&F Committee Meeting – Update on process |
| June – August | Public Comment Meetings |
| July 6, 2022 | Election Commission Meeting |
| July 20, 2022 | Election Commission Meeting |
| August 10, 2022 | Election Commission Meeting |
| August 17, 2022 | Election Commission – Approves a plan to recommend to Council |
| August 23, 2022 | M&F Committee Meeting – Initial review of approved plan |
| September 27, 2022 | M&F Committee Meeting - Final review of approved plan (if needed) |
| October 17, 2022 | Study Session - New ward boundaries are presented to Council’s |
| October 24, 2022 | Council Meeting - First reading |
| November 14, 2022 | Council Meeting – Final reading |
| November 2022 | Counties are notified of the adopted changes to the ward boundaries |
| May 11, 2023 | Deadline for new ward boundaries to be completed |
| November 7, 2023 | Regular Municipal Election |

Public Comment

Public Comment Meetings

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|-----------------------|---|
| June 1, 2022 | Moorhead Recreation Center (Ward I) – Patio View Room |
| June 15, 2022 | Beck Recreation Center (Ward II) – Ponderosa Room |
| June 29, 2022 | Central Library (Ward III) – Large Community Room |
| July 13, 2022 | Colorado Early Colleges (Ward IV) |
| July 27, 2022 | Central Recreation Center (Ward V) |
| August 3, 2022 | Tallyn’s Reach Library (Ward VI) – TR Community Room |

Engage Aurora

When: June 1 through Aug. 3

Where: EngageAurora.org/Redistricting from

- Information on the process and public meetings
- Details about proposed changes and interactive maps
- Public input survey

Public Outreach

- NAACP
- Golf courses and libraries
- Boards and Commissions
- Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion’s network
- Housing and Community Services’ network
- Aurora Action Coalition for Community Services
- CARES Network
- Aurora legislative delegation (state and federal)
- Arapahoe and Adams county commissioners
- Aurora Mental Health
- Mile High Behavioral Health/Comitis/Day Resource Center
- Asian Pacific Development Center
- Aurora Pride organizers
- Churches: Queen of Peace Church, St. Pius X Church, Colorado Community Church
- Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce
- Local AARP
- Aurora Cultural Arts District

Current Population Estimate

Total Population: 402,961

Target Ward Population: 67,160

| | Census Population | CO'ed Units | Estimated New Population | Total Ward Estimate | +/- | % |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------|--------|
| Ward I | 61,520 | 1,205 | 3,410 | 64,930 | -2,230 | -3.3% |
| Ward II | 65,192 | 2,268 | 6,418 | 71,627 | 4,467 | 6.7% |
| Ward III | 64,026 | 721 | 2,040 | 66,066 | -1,094 | -1.6% |
| Ward IV | 65,553 | 81 | 229 | 65,782 | -1,378 | -2.1% |
| Ward V | 59,457 | 58 | 164 | 59,621 | -7,539 | -11.2% |
| Ward VI | 70,571 | 1,546 | 4,375 | 74,933 | 7,773 | 11.6% |
| Total | 386,319 | 5,879 | 16,638 | 402,961 | | |

Calculating the Ward Population

- **Census Population** - Census Bureau's Redistricting Count for Colorado, as of April 1, 2020.
- **CO'ed Units** - All of the certificates of occupancy the city issued from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2022.
- **Estimated New Population** - Determined by using the Census Bureau's average household size estimate (2.82) multiplied by the CO'ed units
- **Total Ward Estimate** – Determined by adding the April 1, 2020 Census Bureau's count and the estimated population increase from the CO'ed units.

Deviation from Target Population

- **Target Ward Population** - 1/6 of the Total Population.
- **+/- and %** - Deviation from the Target Ward Population.

City Code Section 54-5

- a) The city is divided into six wards, numbered consecutively as I, II, III, IV, V and VI. The boundaries of each ward shall be depicted and set forth on the official ward map of the City, a copy of which is on file in the office of the city clerk and incorporated by reference into this chapter. In determining the boundaries established for each ward, whenever a common boundary between wards lies in any public street or right-of-way, the boundary of such wards shall be deemed to go to the centerline of the street.
- b) Ward boundaries within the city shall be reviewed for election years ending in "3" and "9" using the United States Census Data and Community Surveys which update the census data, and, if necessary, the boundaries shall be revised or altered in order to ensure that wards are contiguous, compact, and have approximately the same number of residents.
- c) In the event of significant changes to the population in years ending in numbers other than "3" and "9", the election commission may review the ward boundaries and make recommendations to city council.
- d) In addition to the revisions made to the ward boundaries pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, ward boundaries may be revised or altered as necessary to bring them into conformance with county precinct boundaries.
- e) Notwithstanding any City Code provision(s) to the contrary, an otherwise qualified individual who fails to meet the one-year registered elector and residency status applicable to ward council member elections, shall nevertheless be eligible to run for the office of ward council member when the change in ward boundaries occurs solely as a result of the City Code semi-decennial required ward boundary adjustment.

2023 Ward Redistricting Scenarios

[CLICK HERE: Interactive Maps](#)

Scenario 1

| | Population | +/- | % |
|----------|------------|--------|-------|
| Ward I | 68,777 | 1,617 | 2.4% |
| Ward II | 65,668 | -1,492 | -2.2% |
| Ward III | 68,633 | 1,473 | 2.2% |
| Ward IV | 66,391 | -769 | -1.1% |
| Ward V | 67,471 | 311 | 0.5% |
| Ward VI | 66,021 | -1,139 | -1.7% |

Scenario 2

| | Population | +/- | % |
|----------|------------|--------|-------|
| Ward I | 68,777 | 1,617 | 2.4% |
| Ward II | 67,781 | 621 | 0.9% |
| Ward III | 66,066 | -1,094 | -1.6% |
| Ward IV | 65,782 | -1,378 | -2.1% |
| Ward V | 67,263 | 103 | 0.2% |
| Ward VI | 67,291 | 131 | 0.2% |

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Scenario 4

| | Population | +/- | % |
|----------|------------|--------|-------|
| Ward I | 68,777 | 1,617 | 2.4% |
| Ward II | 64,903 | -2,257 | -3.4% |
| Ward III | 68,633 | 1,473 | 2.2% |
| Ward IV | 66,391 | -769 | -1.1% |
| Ward V | 69,624 | 2,464 | 3.7% |
| Ward VI | 64,633 | -2,527 | -3.8% |

Scenario 5

| | Population | +/- | % |
|----------|------------|--------|-------|
| Ward I | 68,777 | 1,617 | 2.4% |
| Ward II | 64,903 | -2,257 | -3.4% |
| Ward III | 68,633 | 1,473 | 2.2% |
| Ward IV | 68,505 | 1,345 | 2.0% |
| Ward V | 67,509 | 349 | .5% |
| Ward VI | 64,633 | -2,527 | -3.8% |