

**Election Commission
City of Aurora, Colorado
July 6th, 2022
7:00 p.m.
Aurora Room
Hybrid Meeting**

Call to Order: Scott Irvin called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call: City Clerk Rodriguez called roll

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

Staff Present: Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk; Daniel Krzyzanowski, Planning Supervisor; Dave Lathers, Assistant City Attorney; CM Bergan, CM Sundberg

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

Approval of Minutes: Scott Irvin motions to approve the 06-22-2022 minutes. Lori Gimelshteyn makes an amendment to add that the precinct maps requested by the Election Commission were of all residents not just registered voters. Bill McCartin seconds the amendment. Amended minutes are approved.

2023 Ward Redistricting Update: Bill McCartin begins discussion on the new proposed scenario 3. He describes how some precinct populations were underestimated and would like to withdraw scenario 3 and provide an improved scenario. The commission begins analyzing all of the scenarios, and their possible impacts on the populations in each ward.

The Commission analyzed the maps and proposed which precincts should be moved. This initial discussion moves precinct 342 back to Ward 6, precincts 267,316,319 from Ward 6 to Ward 5, and precinct 316 from Ward 5 to Ward 2. Concerns regarding moving precinct 316 to ward 2 would pose a problem with the contiguity. The Commission then proposed to move not 319, but 315 to Ward 2, 319 to Ward 6, and 267, 317, 316 to Ward 5. Lori clarifies the population numbers in each ward with the various moves proposed.

CM Bergan questions Ward 5's population and Kadee clarifies that number is the target deviation. CM Bergan then expresses concern that there are too many residents in Ward 5, not leaving room for the anticipated potential growth. 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. Kadee clarifies that COD's are counted all the way up to March 31st. The Commission as a whole expresses their appreciation of the feedback from CM Bergan but acknowledges that scenario 1 would impact more residents than scenario 2.

CM Sundberg asks about the odd shape on the redistricting maps, and if some precincts should be moved from Ward 1 to Ward 3 rather than Ward 2 to clear room for huge anticipated growth occurring in Ward 2. He asked about finding out the anticipated number of homes in Ward 2. Daniel Krzyzanowski displayed a table showing the anticipated growth of each Ward and explained how the Planning department came to these conclusions.

Continued discussion was had about moving various precincts. From scenario 1, a proposal is made to move precincts 316, 317, 302 and 267 to Ward 5, 342 to Ward 6, and 315 to Ward 2. Bill questions if there are significant public comments the Commission should be

made aware of during the process, in which Kadee says no. Lori requests that Kadee update the calendar to include the new meeting dates added. Kadee confirmed that all changes and suggestions were tacked and that a new scenario will be developed for the Election Commission to review.

Miscellaneous Items: No Items

Adjournment: Motion by Scott Irvin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bill McCartin. The meeting is adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Scott Irvin, Chair  _____