

**CITY OF ESCONDIDO  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE  
THE INDEPENDENT  
DISTRICTING COMMISSION**

**October 29, 2013**

The meeting of the Independent Districting Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Nuesca in City Council Chambers, 201 N. Broadway, Escondido, California.

**Commissioners Present:** Chairperson Nuesca, Commissioner Flores, Vice-Chairperson Valdez, Commissioner Cruz, Commissioner Ramirez, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Carey.

**Commissioners Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Diane Halverson, City Clerk; Allegra Frost, Deputy City Attorney; Livier Valenzuela, Interpretation Services; and Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**MINUTES:**

Moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2013, meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Cruz and Commissioner Valdez were absent from the vote.

**Line Drawing – Preliminary Districting Plan**

Commissioner Cruz entered the meeting at this time.

Commissioner Valdez entered the meeting at this time.

**Karin MacDonald and Nichole Boyle of Q2 Data & Research, LLC**, and the Commission discussed potential districts and line drawing variations. (Maps attached)

**Pat Mues, Escondido 2014**, suggested that the Commission take into consideration the areas outside the City limits, noting her concern for one area near Ash Street where Districts 3 and 4 cut a neighborhood in half. She noted that trimming and tightening boundary edges could impact communities. She also felt areas urban areas should not be split up without a good reason.

Ms. MacDonald provided an overview of the annexation areas.

Discussion ensued regarding a clarification of the location for the Police Beat data and the three high school districts.

**Jose Castro, Escondido**, asked if a map with all of the COIs would be made available for the meetings.

**Steve Berrol, Escondido**, stated that his COI involved the Eureka Springs housing tract. He asked that this area be kept in one district. He stated the area was comprised of 340 single-family homes that were between five and seven years old, had numerous cultures, ethnicities, hundreds of children, and added new residents to the community. He stated that the neighborhood was surrounded by scenic foothills and acted as a single community. He noted that Eureka Springs was subject to approximately \$1.2 million a year in mello roos, which helped pay for the widening and beautification of East Valley Parkway and Bear Valley Parkway.

Ms. MacDonald asked for a clarification for the boundaries of Eureka Springs. Mr. Berrol noted Eureka Springs was north of the intersection of Washington and abutted both sides of East Valley Parkway.

**Kimber Allison, Escondido**, referenced Area 3 in the Hidden Trails development and asked that this area not be split up. She asked that Meadow Side Place, Meadow Crest Place and Meadow Grass Lane be included in Area 3.

**Jim McNair, Escondido**, noted that he was the past president of the Hidden Trails Home Owners Association. He referenced the Hidden Trails development and asked that it not be split up.

Discussion ensued regarding obtaining a legal opinion for splitting a census block, keeping the Hidden Trails area together.

The Commission reviewed the previous COIs submitted.

**ACTION:**

Moved by Commissioner Flores, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve Map B as the preliminary districting map. Motion did not carry. Ayes: Flores and Valdez. Noes: Anderson, Carey, Cruz, Nuesca, and Martinez. (2-5)

**ACTION:**

Moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve Map A as the preliminary districting map. The motion included obtaining a legal opinion on Hidden Trails being included in District 3, which would entail the separation of the census block. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Meeting and Hearing Planning:** Planning of public meetings and hearings, including discussion with consultant.

Commissioner Anderson asked that a map be provided at the meetings including the COIs. Ms. MacDonald noted that they would have either PDFs or digital interactive illustrations that would be made available, noting that they were working with the City GIS staff. Commissioner Martinez suggested having maps with overlays.

The Commission discussed working with digital interactive maps, whiteboard maps with COIs and districts, and printed handout maps with COIs and districts.

The direction was to do have two large print maps at the meetings and for the COIs to be digitally interactive on the City website.

Commissioner Carey asked that the City consult with Leslie Devaney about the legal issue of splitting a census block, (Hidden Trails).

**ACTION:**

Moved by Commissioner Carey, seconded by Commissioner Flores, that the City consult with Leslie Devaney about the legal issue of splitting a census block, (Hidden Trails). Motion carried unanimously.

**Community Outreach**

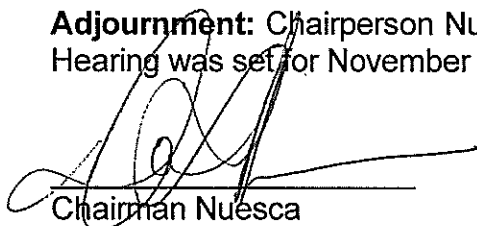
City Clerk Halverson noted that the School District was provided with the transcript for Robocalls in both English and Spanish.

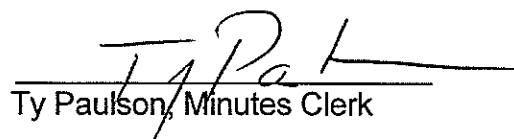
Commissioner Anderson suggested having a break during the public hearings for the purpose of having interaction with the public.

Commissioner Flores suggested having an overview of the assignment of the Commission. He also suggested having a 30-minute break to speak with the public.

**Future agenda items:** Discussed earlier.

**Adjournment:** Chairperson Nuesca adjourned the meeting at 10:12 p.m. The next Hearing was set for November 21, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

  
Chairman Nuesca

  
Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk