

**DISTRICT BOUNDARIES
REVIEW COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 26, 2006**

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Julie Aitken, Don Burgess, Jason Curtis, John Stevens, Jim Thomas, Ken Jennings, Sidney Calloway, Scott McLaughlin, Scott Spages. Also present were Acting Assistant Town Administrator Russell Muniz, Assistant Town Clerk Barbara McDaniel, GeoWeb representatives Scott Burton and Karen Volarich, and Secretary Lorraine Robinson recording the meeting. Marie Kaplan was absent.

Mr. Muniz thanked Committee members for their attendance and explained the reasons for creating the Committee. He introduced Scott Burton from GeoWeb. Members of the Committee introduced themselves in turn.

2. SELECTION OF CHAIR

Mr. McLaughlin nominated Mr. Stevens for Chair, seconded by Mr. Curtis. In a voice vote, with Ms. Kaplan being absent, all voted in favor.

3. SELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Ms. Aitken nominated Mr. Burgess for Vice-Chair, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin. In a voice vote, with Ms. Kaplan being absent, all voted in favor.

4. PRESENTATION

4.1 Methodology for Study – GeoWeb Consultant Services

Mr. Burton presented information and provided an overview of the redistricting process and the methodology he used for the study. Mr. Burton explained that the Town's Charter called for a review every five years, or when the population increased by 5% or more. He listed the sources of the population data used to conduct the study, including the 2000 U.S. Census data. Mr. Burton said that they had also looked at Traffic Analysis Zones [TAZs], which described levels of service on roadways.

Mr. Burton said he had used US Census data, Census block level, and determined that prior to annexation; there were approximately 75,860 people in Davie, so the average for each district should be approximately 18,965. According to the Census data, the current district distributions were: District 1: 42% below the mean; District 2: 4% above the mean; District 3: 34% above the mean; District 4: 3% above the mean.

5. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

Ms. Aitken noted that there had been considerable changes in the Town since the 2000 Census and wondered if there was a way to get more current population data. Mr. Burton said this would be contained in the Traffic Analysis Zones, which he would explain at their next meeting. Ms. Aitken asked if the Committee could forecast for the next five years, or only the current numbers. Mr. Burton said they had used the "best available data" to capture the existing population.

Mr. Spages asked how close the districts had to be. Mr. Burton said they should be +/-10 percentage points.

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The Committee discussed their proposed meeting dates. Chair Stevens suggested they set the date and time for their next meeting, and set future meeting dates at their next meeting. The Committee decided on the following dates and times:

Tuesday, October 10th at 6:30 p.m.
Monday, October 23rd at 6:30 p.m.
Monday, November 6th at 6:30 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Chair/Board Member