

**DISTRICT BOUNDARIES
REVIEW COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 23, 2006**

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Chair John Stevens, Vice-Chair Don Burgess, Julie Aitken, Sidney Calloway, Jason Curtis, Ken Jennings, Scott McLaughlin, Scott Spages and Jim Thomas. 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.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

2.1 District Boundary Review

The Board broke up into small groups to discuss the district maps submitted from each Boardmember. A brief recess was taken at 7:00 p.m. to allow GeoWeb time to process the data. The meeting resumed at 7:15 p.m.

Ms. Volarich advised the Board that a Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) could not be split. Mr. Burton explained the complications of splitting a TAZ. Five re-districting maps were submitted from the Boardmembers which were verified and adjustments made for each map to balance out district population.

Chair Stevens and Mr. Spages confirmed that each district should have a population of 20,000 to 25,000 and not off by more than ten percent. Boardmembers also agreed to keep Councilmembers within their districts.

Ms. Aitkin questioned if the re-districting would be in effect for the 2007 election. Later in the meeting, Mr. Calloway wanted further clarification that current precinct locations had to be considered as the Broward County Supervisor of Elections was going to redraw precincts. Mr. Muniz said the Supervisor of Elections wanted it in time before this upcoming election but that it may not happen until 2008. Mr. Calloway requested that the existing voting precincts overlay be used when looking at the maps. Mr. Burton stated that the voting precincts would have to be split because the current boundaries were based on 1999 configurations, which were no longer viable. The Supervisor of Elections had insisted on having this information by December 2006. Mr. Calloway wanted clarification on the criteria for re-districting in order to prioritize.

GeoWeb presented four re-districting map options. Ms. Aitkin requested that the maps be listed on the Town's website.

Mr. Calloway indicated that he would like to see the maps with overlays. GeoWeb agreed to have the maps with the communities of interest and Councilmember's residential location overlays at the next meeting.

Chair Stevens suggested that the panel narrow the maps down by a vote and Mr. Calloway asked to have this process clarified. It was agreed there were some maps that could be eliminated.

Mr. Calloway wanted verification that additional options could be presented at the next meeting.

Chair Stevens stated that the Board would be making recommendations to the Council based on what had been provided by the consultant.

Mr. Calloway asked if someone would attend a meeting to explain how population numbers were obtained. Mr. Burton said that the Town Council would have to make a request for Broward County Senior Demographer, Bill Leonard, to verify the numbers.

Chair Stevens suggested that the maps by the Boardmembers be voted on in order to move it forward or be withdrawn. The maps which were moved forward would be presented at the next meeting with communities of interest, Town Council residence locations, voting precincts, and population overlays.

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Committee Maps:

Julie Aitkin map: Option 1: Mr. Jennings made a motion, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, to move it forward. In a voice vote, with Ms. Kaplan being absent, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 9-1)

Julie Aitkin map: Option 2: Ms. Aitkin withdrew this option.

Scott Spages map: Mr. McLaughlin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Calloway, to move it forward. In a voice vote, with Ms. Aitkin and Mr. Curtis dissenting and Ms. Kaplan being absent, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 7-2)

John Stevens map: Chair Stevens withdrew this option.

Don Burgess map: Ms. Aitkin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Curtis, to withdraw. In a voice vote, with Ms. Kaplan being absent, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 9-0)

GeoWeb Maps:

Option 1: Mr. Calloway made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spages, to move it forward. In a voice vote, the vote was as follows: Chair Stevens - yes; Vice-Chair Burgess - no; Ms. Aitkin - no; Mr. Calloway - yes; Mr. Curtis - yes; Mr. Jennings - yes; Ms. Kaplan – absent; Mr. McLaughlin - no; Mr. Spages - yes; Mr. Thomas -yes. (Motion carried 6-3)

Option 2: Mr. Spages made a motion, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, to withdraw. In a voice vote, with Ms. Kaplan being absent, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 9-0)

Option 3: Mr. Spages made a motion, seconded by Ms. Aitkin, to move it forward. In a voice vote, the vote was as follows: Chair Stevens - no; Vice-Chair Burgess - no; Ms. Aitkin- yes; Mr. Calloway - no; Mr. Curtis - yes; Mr. Jennings - no; Ms. Kaplan – absent; Mr. McLaughlin - no; Mr. Spages - yes; Mr. Thomas -yes. (Motion denied 4-5)

Option 4: Mr. Calloway made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spages, to exclude. In a voice vote, with Ms. Aitkin dissenting, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 8-1)

Assistant Town Clerk McDaniel advised that any options the Boardmembers would like mapped needed to be sent to the Town Clerk's Office by November 1st. This would provide Mr. Burton the opportunity to configure the maps for the next meeting.

2.2 Meeting Schedule

The Board's next meeting was scheduled for November 6, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

3. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

Mr. Calloway requested that someone attend a meeting to confirm that the TAZ formula was what should be used.

The Board discussed the possibility of additional meetings being needed as the deadline to present approved maps to Council was December 1, 2006.

4. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business and no objections, Mr. Calloway motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin. In a voice vote, with Ms. Kaplan being absent, all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Chair/Board Member