

Attendance

ACRC Commissioners	ACRC Interns	MMD Commissioners
Joan Ramsey	Nicholas Glass	Constance Graves
Warren E. Hamilton		Larry Mauldin
Larry Volk		Marie Allen Campbell
Patricia Sibia	MMD Interns	Nick Mazza
Tom Clingan	Nassim Ramdani	
Sita Subbaram	Justine McCarthy	
Leif Hartmark		
Julia Reeb		Guest: Ashley Tardif
Mark McCumber	Guest: Professor Wice	Guest: Priya Sankalia

Discussion Items

Public submission of maps: Priya indicated that if these are submitted in Maptitude or as “shape files,” either can immediately be imported into our records. Other formats may require redrawing in order to be able to be shared. She explained that the Commission could share a log-in that would allow collaboration, while allowing each user to create their own maps. Essentially, every user sees and uses the same base map and data, creating their own maps as “overlays.” There was extended discussion of how to handle maps as well as written or oral descriptions of what people would like to see in a district or districts. Discussion ensued about how to identify maps submitted by the public without revealing personal information; Professor Wice suggested using the same system as the Statewide Redistricting Commission used (identify map submitters by their first name and the first letter of their last name, unless the submitter publicly identified themselves during the hearing).

Status of contracts: Professor Wice’s contract with the MMD has been finalized, and he will mail originally-signed contracts back on Wednesday. The MMD subcommittee is awaiting signed contracts with its mapper. There was further discussion of how submitted maps will appear on the Redistricting website, with a meeting set for Wednesday on updating the site.

Public Hearing tomorrow: Priya asked about tomorrow’s Public Hearing, and Patricia shared her draft schedule in detail. There are three people who have signed up; one who wishes to address the ACRC and the MMD subcommittee and present a map, and two others who will only submit written testimony. The public has until noon tomorrow to sign up to speak. There are contingency plans built in, in case anything goes

wrong. A limit of five minutes was established for each speaker, with the understanding that time could be extended if there were few (or no) additional speakers.

There was extended discussion of how to handle any “last-minute” speakers seeking to be heard; this is problematic since only those who sign up by noon will be given the link to be able to speak. The hearing will be live-streamed on YouTube (both audio and video) and live audio will be available via Turbobridge. The video recording of the hearing will also be available to the public on YouTube. We will need to take a full roll call at the start of the hearing.

Patricia reviewed the draft schedule of the "public education" portion of the Hearing, with Professor Wice and AppGeo each conducting a slimmed-down version of the training given to ACRC and MMD in recent weeks. The intent is to enable members of the public who could not attend the hearing the opportunity to learn about the legal framework and the mapping component of our work, by viewing the hearing video at any time in the future. After the last speaker has been heard, Chairman Volk will close the hearing.

The next meeting (after the March 8 public hearing) will be on March 14. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded, and passed by voice vote, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:02:26.

[Meeting notes prepared by Tom Clingan]