



**CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG
CITIZEN REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (RDC)**

PUBLIC MEETING

**City Council Chambers
City Hall**

**August 15th, 2022
Monday, 5:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Members Present: Kim Vogel
Darla Otey
Melissa Meshil
Joel B. Giles
Shameka Jones
Trevor Mallory
J.C. Pritchett
James Kidder
Tahisia Scantling

Staff Present: Brian Caper, Manager, City Development Administration
Brett Pettigrew, Assistant City Attorney
Benjamin James, Assistant City Attorney
Michael Hernandez, Analyst, Planning & Development Services
Anthony Chan, Specialist, Economic & Workforce Development
Kurt Spitzer, RDC Consultant (Via Zoom)

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m., a quorum was present.

I. Welcome and Self Introductions

Introductions were made by each Commission Member and City Staff.

II. Approval of August 8th, 2022, RDC Meeting Minutes (Vote)

Commissioner Giles moved, and Commissioner Kidder seconded a motion to approve the August 8th, 2022, minutes approved as written by a consensus vote.

III. Public Comment and Correspondence (3 minutes per speaker, maximum 10 speakers)

Jalessa Blackshear, St Pete Resident, directed their comment to Kurt Spitzer inquiring on better marketing to the Community. Brian Caper responded by informing everyone that a representative from the City's Marketing department will discuss marketing and outreach strategies during the next RDC Meeting on August 22th.

IV. Review Revised RDC Rules (Vote)

Brett gave introductory remarks on revisions to the RDC Rules based on conversations from the August 8th RDC Meeting and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Giles moved, and Commissioner Kidder seconded a motion to approve the revised RDC Rules approved as written by a consensus vote.

V. Review of RDC Schedule

Brian Caper confirmed the RDC Schedule with the Commission and responded to questions on public comments and the information available to the community.

VI. Review Alternative District Maps (information)

Kurt Spitzer provided three initial maps as a base for the Commission to begin redistricting, gave a presentation with guidelines to review and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Pritchett address concern about the availability of maps for the Commissioners and availability of permit data. Brian Caper indicated large scale and electronic maps would be provided to the Commission, as well as permit data. Other concerns were shared regarding minority districts and in historical, cultural, and equity disparities.

Vice Chair Meshil inquired how the initial maps were created and offered options on potential maps, as well as options to adjust the various districts, and inquiring on the Asian demographic.

Kurt Spitzer explained from his previous experience, understanding of the process and requirements the initial maps were created from commonly accepted criteria.

Commissioner Kidder expressed concern with Districts 7 and 8 and the need to make adjustments from the initial map.

Commissioner Malory reaffirmed Commissioner Pritchett concern with additional details needed to make informed decisions such as the streets and precincts and asked for the option to print their own maps for home.

Commissioner Giles inquired on the limitations of the maps where there may be an imbalance of population and other areas of initial concern.

Commissioner Scantling confirmed her similar concerns with Commissioner Giles and question the accuracy of the information on demographics from the 2010 Census compared to the current data from the 2020 Census.

Chair Jones addressed her concern for more details within the maps, specifically at the street level, as well as demographic information to be made available to the Commission to aid in decision making. The Commissioner requested comments regarding the Alternative Maps be

submitted with ample time for Mr. Spitzer to make the changes on the maps for the August 22th meeting.

VII. New Business

No New Business

VIII. Additional Public Comment and Correspondence (3 minutes per speaker)

No Additional Public Comments.

IX. Other Business

Chair Jones inquired on Form 1. Brian Caper responded with details to clarify.

X. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43pm.

Commissioner Giles moved, and Commissioner Pritchett seconded a motion to adjourn approved as written by a consensus vote.