

Suggested Principles for the Process of Redistricting City Wards and Park Districts

Revision #2 - ~~strikeout is deleted language~~, underline is new language, *has agreement,

1. Complete the ~~R~~ redistricting process as soon as practicable after the Minnesota ~~Legislature~~ has completed its reapportionment process.

*2. All members of the Minneapolis Charter Commission and the Advisory Group will serve as the Redistricting Group and will redistrict the Minneapolis 13 Wards and the six Park Districts.

3. ~~All work on redistricting will be done in open meetings with the time, date and location of the meetings listed on the city of Minneapolis web site.~~ Reach out to ~~potential interested~~ individuals and organizations who may be interested in redistricting and if they are interested in the process of redistricting notify them of all the Redistricting Group meetings and material used by the group. Individuals and organizations interested in redistricting prior to the beginning of the redistricting process will continue to be informed about any meetings or information on redistricting. Use the city's website and email service to send information to individuals or organizations.

4. Obtain assistance of the City Attorney's office and other city resources as soon as the Advisory Group has been appointed to: A. prepare documents setting out the requirements and timelines for redistricting, B. spell out the Federal requirements, including that redistricting ~~plans~~ must avoid discrimination against racial or language minorities and must not violate the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment to the federal Constitution and Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, and C. prepare any other legal documents that are needed or requested by the Redistricting Group while redistricting the ~~13~~ Wards in ~~Minneapolis~~ and the six Park Districts.

*5. The Redistricting Group will obtain financial assistance from the City Council to fund the redistricting process and will seek the use of the City Clerk's office, the City Elections office, the City Attorney, the City's Communications department, the City's GIS department, and the Planning Department. The Redistricting Group will prepare a budget to redistrict the City's Wards and Park Districts as soon as possible.

*6. Follow the City Charter's requirements outlined in Chapter 1, Section 3 and Chapter 16, Section 1.

7. As soon as possible after the Advisory Group is formed, the Redistricting Group will hold two city wide meetings in different parts of the city to explain and discuss the process that the Redistricting Group will follow while redistricting the City Wards and Park Districts.

*8. The Redistricting Group will write rules that it will follow to redistrict the Wards and Park Districts. After writing the rules, but before final adoption of the rules, the Group will hold a public hearing on the rules. The Group will review the public input before adopting the final rules for redistricting.

9. Because the Charter Commission is a non-partisan body appointed by the Chief Judge of the District Court and the Advisory Group will be appointed on a non-partisan basis by the Charter Commission, all Charter Commissioners and members of the Advisory Group will participate in redistricting on a non-partisan basis. Members of the Commission and the Advisory Group will encourage persons or organizations ~~that bring ideas on redistricting to them in private, to~~ bring ~~these~~ their ideas to the Redistricting Group at an open meeting. If the person or organization can not attend an open meeting of the Redistricting Group, then the person or organization should submit its proposal to the Charter Commission Coordinator who will submit the proposal to the Redistricting Group at an open meeting. ~~member of the Commission or the Advisory Group could bring the idea to the Redistricting Group at an open meeting and explain from where the idea came.~~

*10. The Redistricting Group will represent all the citizens of Minneapolis and will do their very best to put aside their personal biases or interests while redistricting the City Wards and Park Districts .

*11. Advisory Group members shall bring added diversity to the redistricting group.

*12. All work on redistricting will be done in open meetings with the time, date and location of the meetings listed on the city of Minneapolis web site. Proper notice will be given for each meeting on redistricting.

13. Advisory Group members will be integrated with the Charter Commission members and as the Redistricting Group they will work together on all aspects of redistricting. Any votes on any aspect of redistricting will be done by the Redistricting Group except for the approval of the final ~~plan~~ map. The final Ward ~~plan~~ map to be filed with the City Clerk and the final Park Board district ~~plan~~ map to be filed with the Park Board must be approved by a majority of the Charter Commissioners present at a duly called Charter Commission meeting.-

*14. The Redistricting Group will keep communities of interest in one Ward whenever possible.

*15. The Redistricting Group will change the boundaries of the Wards or Park Districts as little as possible.

*16. The Redistricting Group will hire non-partisan staff to use redistricting software to draw maps for the Group.

17. The Redistricting Group will prepare the first draft map ~~the~~ for new Wards.

~~and then draft the new Park Districts.~~

18. After preparing a first ~~draft tentative~~ redistricting map for ~~both~~ the City Wards ~~and the Park Districts~~, the Redistricting Group will hold at least two citywide meetings for citizens input. After the meetings, the Redistricting Group will review the testimony of the citizens and shall consider changes to the first draft tentative redistricting map.

19. Upon completion of a City Ward ~~and Park District~~ ~~second and tentatively-final~~ proposed redistricting map approved by the Redistricting Group, the Group shall publish the maps as a legal notice for at least 7 days and then hold at least three citywide meetings for citizens input. Neighborhoods delineated by the City's Planning Department shall be solicited for input too. ~~The Redistricting Group will also inform the Park and Recreation Board of the new Park Board districts.~~ After the public meetings and input from the Neighborhoods, the Redistricting Group will review the new testimony of the citizens and shall consider any final changes to the map. ~~In addition, the Redistricting Group will review any recommendations made by the Park and Recreation Board relating to the redistricting of the Park Districts.~~

20. Upon ~~final~~ approval of the final Minneapolis Ward redistricting ~~plan map~~ by a majority of the Charter Commissioners, the Commission will file the plan map with the Minneapolis City Clerk. If the District Court returns the plan map to the Charter Commission because the plan map was found improper, the Redistricting Group shall convene immediately and revise the plan map and again, after approval by a majority of the Charter Commissioners, the Commission shall ~~submit~~ file it with ~~to~~ the Minneapolis City Clerk.

21. The Redistricting Group will follow a similar process as delineated in numbers 17 and 18 above while redistricting the Park Districts. It will inform the Park and Recreation Board of the new Park Districts when the proposed redistrict map has been approved by the Redistricting Group. *24. Upon ~~final~~ approval of the final Minneapolis Park District redistricting ~~plan map~~ by a majority of the Charter Commissioners, the Commission will file the plan map with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board ~~and the Minneapolis City Clerk~~. If the District Court returns the plan map to the Charter Commission because the plan map was found improper, the Redistricting Group shall convene immediately and revise the plan map and again, after approval by a majority of the Charter Commissioners, the Commission shall file it with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board ~~and the Minneapolis City Clerk~~.

Note: An item that may be discussed by the Charter Commission is whether or not to include in the Principals a principal which would keep incumbent officer holders in their present Ward or Park District.

