

**CITY OF WINTER GARDEN
DISTRICTING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Districting Commission was called to order by Chairman Derek Blakeslee at 6:05 p.m. on June 4, 2008 in City Hall Commission Chambers, 251 W. Plant Street, Winter Garden, Florida. Mr. Blakeslee called roll and declared that a quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

District 1 - Kent Horsley (*Vice Chairman*)
District 2 - Fred Crabtree
District 3 - Pat Angry (*arrived at 6:23*)
District 4 - Mark DeFuso
District 5 - Derek Blakeslee (*Chairman*)

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor John Rees
Commissioner Bob Buchanan
City Manager Mike Bollhoefer
Asst. City Attorney Dan Langley
Asst. City Clerk Angee Grimmage
GIS Coordinator Alan Booker

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 14, 2008 MINUTES

Motion by Commission Member Horsley to approve the regular minutes of May 14, 2008 as submitted. Seconded by Commission Member DeFuso and carried unanimously 4-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Chairman Blakeslee opened the meeting for citizen comments and explained that Districting Commission members may be moving around to better review the maps. He stated that in accordance with the Sunshine Law, citizens should be able to hear what is discussed by the Districting Commission. In this case, questions will be accepted for clarification on any discussion.

The citizens in attendance had no comments.

Commission Member Angry arrived at this point in the meeting.

STAFF PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED NEW COMMISSION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

GIS Coordinator Booker gave a brief overview of the five proposed scenarios posted for review by the Districting Commission.

There was discussion on the parameters involved in drawing the proposed boundary lines for the five scenarios. It was noted that the proposed scenarios appear to be compact, contiguous, and meet the legal requirements.

The Districting Commission reviewed the five scenarios one-by-one describing where the lines were drawn by naming the main roads. Then Districting Commission Members reviewed the maps individually.

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There was discussion on the determination of the demographics used for existing neighborhoods and it was noted that this information does not currently exist because the census information that is currently outdated.

Also discussed was that the maps being based on existing development and not future development. This is why the boundaries are now so disproportioned and why future build out will inevitably cause the districts to again be disproportioned.

It was determined that all five of the proposed scenario maps are within the five percent requirement.

The Districting Commission reviewed various maps as displayed on the large projector screen. Mr. Booker overlaid the scenario maps with existing district maps for comparison purposes.

It was decided that Mr. Booker would provide each Districting Commission Member with larger copies of the five scenario maps and an existing boundaries map with the populations shown. It was the consensus of the Districting Commission that each member would stop by City Hall and pick up their maps, when they become available, so they may be reviewed by next meeting on June 18, 2008.

There was discussion on preventing this from becoming a major task within a few years. Also discussed were major changes to be experienced as subdivisions build out, changes to the Charter, and the possibility of districts being added.

Chairman Blakeslee adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/S/
Kathy Golden, City Clerk

/S/
Derek Blakeslee, Chairman