

**CITY OF WINTER GARDEN
DISTRICTING COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Districting Commission was called to order by Chairman Derek Blakeslee at 6:06 p.m. on July 9, 2008 in City Hall Commission Chambers, 300 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
District 4 - Mark DeFuso
District 5 - Derek Blakeslee (*Chairman*)

ALSO PRESENT

City Manager Mike Bollhoefer
City Clerk Kathy Golden
GIS Coordinator Alan Booker
Commissioner Bob Buchanan
Commissioner Harold L. Boulter
Chief Planner Tim Wilson

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 9, 2008 MINUTES

Commission Member DeFuso noted that the minutes do not reflect the discussion at the end of the meeting regarding not eliminating any of the maps until Commission Member Angry was present. **Motion by Commission Member Horsley to approve the regular minutes of July 9, 2008 as amended. Seconded by Commission Member DeFuso and carried unanimously 5-0.**

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Harold L. Boulter, 813 E. Bay Street, Winter Garden, Florida, addressed the fact that redrawing the boundaries is necessary and he hopes the final decision takes into consideration the desire to maintain our continuity. Residents have settled into a way of life that they value.

DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED DISTRICTING MAPS

Chairman Blakeslee noted that this Commission's goal is to leave with one map and it necessary meet again to tweak the lines. He has a conflict with next week's meeting and stated that he would like to get down to one map tonight even if it takes a little longer.

Mr. Horsley stated that he remains a proponent of Map #7. This type of alignment stratifies our city. It brings equality of socioeconomic status into each of our voting districts. He addressed the dilution of District 3 that the additions will cause. He voiced his concern and disappointment about discussions to leave the incumbents as they are. In his opinion, this is the wrong criteria. It was noted that Map #7 puts three seated commissioners within the same district but with a slight adjustment that could be prevented. He maintains that Map #7 retains the diversity and core of District 3; provides a socioeconomic mix for the entire community; provides representation to all interests; and plans well for the future.

Mr. Crabtree responded that he has problems with Map #7 because it allows those elected all to be either from the south or the north. He thinks Commissioner Boulter has addressed his desire to preserve the districts. Mr. Crabtree stated that while he would like incumbents to remain in their current districts, it is not paramount. He could live with all three maps. However, Map #8

makes sense. He has no strong feelings either way. He voiced his concerns regarding the dilution of District 3 but stated that there is no way to prevent it.

Mr. DeFuso stated that his preference is for Map #6 for all the same reasons stated by Mr. Crabtree.

Ms. Angry stated that her choice is Map #8 as it best addresses the socioeconomics for District 3.

Chairman Blakeslee stated that Map #6 needs the district numbers identified if it is to be considered. He suggested that the yellow section be District #3 (northeast quadrant); pink be District #2 (northwest quadrant); brown section be District 4 (southeast quadrant); green section becomes District 1 (southwest quadrant).

In summary maps choices by each member were: Mr. Horsley #7; Mr. Crabtree #8 and #6; Mr. Blakeslee #8 and #6; Mr. DeFuso #6 and #8; and Ms. Angry #6 and #8.

**Motion by Commission Member Angry to eliminate Map #7 (*attached Exhibit A*).
Seconded by Commission Member DeFuso and carried 4-1; Horsley opposed.**

Mr. Crabtree asked to verify that Commissioner Jowers has stated that he is not going to run again. Chairman Blakeslee responded that in our last meeting during public comments that he would not be running for re-election. Mr. Crabtree asked Ms. Angry to share why she prefers Map #8.

Ms. Angry stated that she prefers that her District #3 expand to the south and not the north as it does on Map #6. She believes that by moving the boundary this direction, it will better maintain a minority based population by adding some of the Hispanic population.

Chairman Blakeslee expressed that the reason he likes Map #8 is it has the least amount of change. Mr. Crabtree agreed.

Mr. DeFuso stated that he could live with either map but noted that District 4 will not last long with less than a five percent change in population, which is why he prefers Map #6. If Map #8 is selected, he suggested there be some adjustment made due to the potential growth in District 4. He does not want to be required to look at boundaries again in a few years.

City Manager Bollhoefer stated that the growth potential by quadrant; southwest 10,000-15,000 in 10 to 15 years; the northwest about 2,000; the northeast has only some potential for growth; and the southeast doesn't have a lot of growth potential, but it has some.

Mr. Horsley stated that he is drawn to Map #8 as it is the most docile.

Ms. Angry stated that she wants Map #8 and noted that annexation of county enclaves will add to District 3.

Mr. Crabtree noted that Louis Dreyfus Citrus, Inc. has sold their property and that may add to District 3. There was discussion that there may be 29 homes on that property.

Motion by Commission Member Crabtree to bring Map #8 (*attached Exhibit B*) forth for consideration with modifications as necessary. Seconded by Commission Member Angry and carried unanimously 5-0.

Chairman Blakeslee suggested a modification to Map #8 by adding Johns Lake Pointe and the property just to the east into District 2. There was discussion on moving Daniels Landing into District 3. Mr. DeFuso asked about taking District 2 down Daniels Road to Stoneybrook Parkway. Mr. Blakeslee stated that he thinks that will be the natural growth pattern. There was discussion on which subdivisions should be in which districts.

Motion by Commission Member Crabtree to recommend Map #8 (*attached Exhibit B*) to the City Commission after Johns Lake Pointe and the property to the east are relocated into District 2. Seconded by Commission Member DeFuso and carried unanimously 5-0.

Chairman Blakeslee agreed to make the presentation to the City Commission at their meeting on July 24, 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

/S/
Derek Blakeslee, Chairman

/S/
Kathy Golden, City Clerk