# MINUTES REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE Regular Meeting April 9, 1992 7:00 p.m. Messiah Lutheran Church 570 E. Orange Grove Blvd., Pasadena

Chairman Bogaard called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Chairman Bogaard stated this meeting was a continuation of the April 2, 1992 meeting.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Present: William J. Bogaard

Christina Cook Elias Galvan Edward Garlock Marvin Greer

Ann Marie Hickambottam Dr. James King, Jr.

Edward Matys (Arrived 7:20 p.m.)

Edward Maya

Fred Register (Arrived 7:35 p.m.)
Rosemary Schroeder (Arrived 7:23 p.m.)

Paul Secord

Christopher Sutton

Absent: Susan Arcaris

Joe Morales

Staff: Victor J. Kaleta, City Attorney

Jane L. Rodriguez, Acting Asst. City Clerk

Consultants: David Ely, Pactech

Manuel Valencia, Valencia, Maldonado & Escheveste

Chairman Bogaard opened the meeting and stated that last week the Task Force had six concepts before it, and the intention of the Task Force is to choose four concepts, possibly with modifications, for wide circulation within the community and for the public meetings scheduled for April 16th and 30th. The meeting of April 16, 1992, will take place at Jackie Robinson Center, and the April 30, 1992, meeting will take place at the Pasadena Conference Center, Room 211. Chairman Bogaard stated the public meetings will be devoted substantially to public comment on the four concepts.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1. Mr. Frank Rocha, 20-year resident, addressed the Task Force regarding the Arroyo Seco and the facilities within the Arroyo Seco -- the Rose Bowl, the Golf Courses, and the Aquatic Center -- and how these facilities are managed.
- Mr. Don Wheeldin stated District 1 should be redesigned because it is an "odd couple" in terms of the complex of people who are presently in

District 1. He stated there is no place in Pasadena that approaches the nature of the problems that exist in Kings Manor, where approximately 1,000 people live and that, in his view, the problems that exist in District 1 are centered at Kings Manor. He discussed redesigning District 1 so there is a built-in guarantee that this population has minority representation on the City Council. Mr. Wheeldin provided a brief background of his involvement in City affairs and politics.

- 3. Mrs. Mary Richard stated she agreed with the previous comments regarding Kings Manor. She stated she has always felt that the whole area, not just Kings Manor, was a separate district. She spoke in favor of separating Linda Vista and Northwest Pasadena.
- 4. Mr. Dale Gronemeir, attorney in Pasadena, stated he was the lead attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union who, along with eleven community organizations and a number of individuals, challenged the at-large elections in Pasadena as discriminatory. He reviewed the voting history in District 1 and discussed how Linda Vista voters have dominated voters of the east bank of the Arroyo in past elections. He stated that it was not until Isaac Richard's victory that a representative was elected to represent the choice of the east side of the Arroyo. He added that there is no guarantee that this achievement and representation of the predominantly Black and less wealthy will perpetuate in the future. He urged the Task Force to create a district on the east side of the Arroyo that is not diluted by the west side of the Arroyo. He stated that if they do not do that, he could guarantee there would be a lawsuit over it.
- 5. Mr. Harold Sadring stated he was insulted by references to wealthy and white, does not hear ridicule of wealthy blacks, resents hearing wealthy white people control votes, and to quit putting wealthy whites in a category.
- 6. Mr. Isaac Richard, Councilmember of District 1, addressed the Task Force and voiced his opposition to keeping Linda Vista in his district. He stated Linda Vista was put in the same district as Jackie Robinson Center and Kings Villages not for ethnic diversity but to disempower the Black vote. He discussed displacement of many minority homes in his district due to construction of the freeway and of Parsons when District 1 was represented by a Linda Vista resident. He discussed the difficulties he had in running for a Council seat in District 1. He stated that the people who voted for him want Linda Vista drawn out of District 1. He also discussed gentrification, the barrios, and impoverishment of the Black community within District 1.
- 7. Mr. Martin Enriquez Marques stated he agreed with Isaac Richard's statements and added his home was displaced by the freeway. He discussed de facto segregation in Pasadena in 1968.
- 8. Ms. Saundra Knox spoke of creating an ideal District 1 that would start at the east bank of the Arroyo. She stated this area is a racially and economically mixed area, and it is an area that has been stable throughout the years in terms of its voting and population patterns. She stated she has lived in Northwest Pasadena most of her life, and the battles Mr. Richard has spoken of are real battles. She stated this side of the

Arroyo has been spiraling down, and that most of what has happened in Northwest Pasadena has been negative. She added that when it comes to politics there will always be a battle because two very different constituencies are trying to get representation. Ms. Knox clarified she is from Women in Action but was not here officially as the group had not taken a vote.

Chairman Bogaard stated there would be an opportunity for further public comments at the conclusion of the meeting.

Manuel Valencia updated the Task Force on public outreach efforts.

Chairman Bogaard requested Task Force members interested in acting as spokespersons to indicate their interest to Mr. Valencia tonight or tomorrow morning.

Mr. David Ely, Pactech, distributed the six proposals from the previous week and one new proposal by Fred Register, which is referred to as Proposal 4-FR. Mr. Ely stated that Proposal 4-FR is a modification of Proposal 4. Mr. Ely and Mr. Register reviewed the differences between Proposal 4 and Proposal 4-FR.

Motion by Edward Garlock, seconded by Paul Secord, to substitute Proposal 4-FR for Proposal 4. (<u>Motion carried</u>) (Objection: Dr. King, Ann Hickambottom, Christopher Sutton)

Chairman Bogaard stated he was open to the suggestion to limit public statements to three to five minutes, depending on the size of the crowd. It was generally agreed among the Task Force that there should be a time limit on public comment speakers.

Discussion ensued on the number of proposals to submit to the public for comment. It was generally agreed among the Task Force to pick four proposals to present to the community for comment. It was also agreed that each Task Force member would be allowed to cast up to four votes on the six proposals before the Task Force.

The tabulation of votes was as follows:

Fred Register: Exercise 9, Proposals 2-EG, 3, and 4-FR

Edward Garlock: Proposals 2-EG, 3, and 4-FR Exercise 9, Proposals 1-EG, 3, and 4-FR

Paul Secord: Exercise 9, Proposal 2-EG, and 4-FR

Ann Marie Hickambottom: Exercises 8 and 9

Dr. James King:
William Bogaard:
Rosemary Schroeder:
Proposals 1-EG and 2-EG
Proposals 1-EG and 4-FR
Proposals 2-EG and 4-FR

Christopher Sutton: Exercises 8 and 9

Edward Maya: Exercise 9, Proposals 1-EG and 4-FR Elias Galvan: Exercise 9, Proposal 1-EG, 2-EG, and 4-FR

Marvin Greer: Exercise 9, Proposal 2-EG and 4-FR

# Top Four Proposals/Exercises:

Proposal	4-FR	9	votes
Exercise	9	8	votes
Proposal	2-EG	7	votes
Proposal	1-EG	5	votes

Discussion ensued as to the term to use in referring to the proposals and exercises. It was agreed among the Task Force that the proposals and exercises would now be referred to as "Concepts". It was agreed that the four Concepts to be presented to the public should be renumbered with Greek Arabic letters to be drawn by random lot by the City Attorney and City Clerk.

# **ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Bogaard adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Jane L. Rodriguez
Acting Asst. City Clerk

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NOTE: On order of the Chairman, these minutes were approved on July 31, 1992.