CITY OF PASADENA REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE MINUTES

JOHN MARSHALL FUNDAMENTAL HIGH SCHOOL 990 NORTH ALLEN AVENUE, PASADENA, CA

NOVEMBER 2, 2011 SPECIAL MEETING

OPENING

The Chair called the special meeting of the Redistricting Task Force to

order at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

William A. Crowfoot, Chair

Richard A. McDonald, Vice Chair

R. Michael Alvarez Alan Caldwell Wendelin Donahue Alex Guerrero

James Marlatt Mary Machado Schammel Elizabeth S. Trussell

Staff:

Theresa Fuentes, Assistant City Attorney Silvia Flores, Senior Assistant City Clerk Latasha McLemore, Recording Secretary

Douglas Johnson, Consultant

David Ely, Consultant

INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Mayor McAustin provided welcoming remarks and thanked the Redistricting Task Force members and all in attendance for their support of the redistricting process. She also reminded District 2 residents of the opportunity to participate in the Rose Bowl Parade and Rose Bowl Game ticket lottery this year, and mentioned that notifications will be sent out in the near future.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Member Marlatt, seconded by Member Donahue, to approve the minutes of October 5 and October 19, 2011, as submitted. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF CONCEPTUAL PLANS PREPARED BY REDISTRICTING CONSULTANT

Douglas Johnson, Redistricting Consultant, conducted a PowerPoint presentation of eleven conceptual plans, including three new plans that implements the request of the Task Force to have plans where all Council districts touch Colorado Boulevard, provided a detailed overview of each plan, and responded to questions.

The following individuals provided input, comments, and/or expressed concerns in regards to the Redistricting process:

Khatchik "Chris" Chahinian, Pasadena Resident Felicia Williams, Pasadena Resident

Augustin M. Zuniga, Pasadena Resident Michelle White, Pasadena Resident

Following discussion, Chair Crowfoot, Vice Chair McDonald, and Member Caldwell expressed concerns regarding the draft maps that isolate districts, particularly above Colorado Boulevard and north of the 210 freeway.

Various Task Force members expressed support for having all City Council districts touch or encompass Colorado Boulevard.

Member Alvarez stated his support for having additional data such as business district boundaries and other economic data that might help in determining which districts currently encompass key business areas of the City, particularly off Colorado Boulevard. He added that information on the demographic make-up, income, education, and age distributions in each district would also be useful in selecting draft maps.

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair McDonald, seconded by Member Alvarez, that the Task Force adopt a guiding principle that all City Council districts touch or encompass Colorado Boulevard. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

It was moved by Vice Chair McDonald, seconded by Member Alvarez, that additional maps be prepared by the consultants, which would include all of the ethnic and racial demographic data including Armenian statistics, economic data, school district information, enterprise zones, and voting age. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

Following additional discussion, it was agreed that the consultant's sample maps F and K would generate sufficient public interest and input in moving forward with the redistricting process.

It was moved by Vice Chair McDonald, seconded by Member Trussell, to include the consultant's sample maps F and K for the public forums. The Task Force directed the consultant to rename maps F and K as Sample Maps 1 & 2. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS

No one appeared for public comment.

The Senior Assistant City Clerk announced that the next Redistricting Task Force meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2011, 6:30 p.m., at Norma Coombs Alternative School.

ADJOURNMENT

On the order of the Chair, the special meeting of the Redistricting Task Force was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

William Crowfoot, Chair Redistricting Task Force

ATTEST:

Mark Johnsky City Clerk