



Independent Redistricting Commission

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 2/24/2022

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

City Council Chambers, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

Regular Session

A. Call To Order

Chair Arellano called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Arellano, Bahles, Erhart, Gilmer, Saad, Wolter

Absent: Hill, Kissel, Marquardt

Staff: City Clerk Judi A. Herren, Administrative Assistant Sarah Sandoval

C. Public Comment

- Katie Behroozi expressed concerns regarding areas of the mapping tool that are not in Menlo Park and encouraged the Commission to embrace change and explore brand new districts as part of the map selection process.

D. Consent Calendar

D1. Accept the Independent Redistricting Commission minutes for February 10, 2022 (Attachment)

ACTION: Motion and second (Erhart/ Saad), to accept the Independent Redistricting Commission meeting minutes for February 10, 2022, passed 5-0 (Bahles abstaining, Hill absent).

E. Regular Business

E1. Mapping tool workshop (Staff Report #22-006-IRC)

Alex Sainz, demographer from GEOinovo, made the presentation.

- Katie Behroozi spoke on concerns regarding populations and census blocks in the District mapping tool.

The Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) received clarification from GEOinovo on mapping tool capabilities and the backend criteria for processing map submissions.

The IRC discussed potential criteria for the processing and consideration of draft maps that are not formally submitted but may meet districting requirements.

F. Informational Items

F1. Public engagement update (Staff Report #22-007-IRC)

G. Reports and Announcements

G1. Commissioner reports

Commissioner Arellano reported on receiving resident Patti Fry's email.

H. Adjournment

Chair Arellano adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Sarah Sandoval, Administrative Assistant