



MINUTES
CUYAHOGA COUNTY DISTRICTING COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
2079 EAST NINTH STREET
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Frost called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Frost asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Commission members Frost, Koesel, Lumpkin, Morgan and Murphy were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmembers Sweeney, Miller, Schron, Baker and Jones were also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Honorable Martin Sweeney, Cuyahoga County Councilmember, thanked the Commission for their work and offered his assistance if Commission members need any additional support.

4. ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- a) Presentation from R Strategy Group, LLC on the following topics:

Mr. Mike Thomas, Of Counsel for R Strategy Group, LLC, provided an overview of the presentation topics and introduced the presenters. Discussion ensued.

- Responses to Qs from 8/17 (Michael Muller)

Mr. Michael Muller, President of Muller Public Strategies, provided responses to questions posed at the August 17th Districting Commission meeting relating to community factors; interactive exchanges with the public; undercounted and at-risk populations; utilizing data developed by Ohio University; standards for packing and/or diluting minority communities; and distinctions between the new and old Council districting maps. Discussion ensued.

Commission members asked questions of Mr. Muller pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

- Website design and update (Mike Thomas)

Mr. Thomas gave an update on the website design, roadmap, public comment submission as well as provided the link to the Districting Commission webpage. Discussion ensued.

Commission members asked questions of Mr. Thomas pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

- Status of Regional meetings (Destinee Henton)
 - Dates/times
 - Locations
 - Technology

Ms. Destinee Henton, representing R Strategy Group, LLC, addressed the Commission regarding the status of regional meetings and provided the following proposed meeting schedule:

- 1. Monday, August 23rd at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Cuyahoga County Headquarters**
- 2. Wednesday, August 25th at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Cuyahoga County Headquarters**
- 3. Thursday, August 26th at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Cuyahoga County Headquarters. Discussion ensued.**

Commission members asked questions of Ms. Henton pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

Mr. Joseph Nanni, Chief of Staff for County Council, addressed the Commission regarding the seating capacity of Council Chambers and additional technology that can be utilized for future meetings. Discussion ensued.

- Data availability and update (Matt Cassidy)

Mr. Matt Cassidy, Lead Strategic Consultant at TargetSmart Communications, addressed the Commission regarding the 2020 Census data availability. Discussion ensued.

Commission members asked questions of Mr. Cassidy pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

- Current map with population deviation (Matt Cassidy)

Mr. Cassidy addressed the Commission regarding the current Council districting map and provided information regarding population deviation and statutory requirements relating to criteria for drawing the new districting map. Discussion ensued.

Commission members asked questions of Mr. Cassidy pertaining to the item, which answered accordingly.

- Decision points for the Commission (Michael Muller)

Mr. Muller addressed the Commission regarding critiquing the current districting map, population deviation of districts, communities of interest and ideas to incorporate relating to future decision points for the Commission. Discussion ensued.

Commission members asked questions of Mr. Muller pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

- b) Consideration of Public Forum Comments

There were no additional public comments given.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Mr. Lumpkin with a second by Ms. Morgan, the meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m., without objection.