



REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

MINUTES SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with all Commissioners in attendance.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

James Thornton made a motion to approve the minutes from September 22, 2021, and September 23, 2021. Erik Robey seconded. The **September 22, 2021 minutes** and the **September 23, 2021 minutes** were approved with a unanimous vote.

There was discussion about how the final minutes would be approved at the last meeting this coming Thursday and how they would be included in the final report.

3. Public Comment – There were no public speakers signed up.

4. Commission Work Session

A map submission was submitted by Mr. Adam Rybczynski of Havre de Grace; however, it was not a submission from the City of Havre de Grace or Aberdeen. Mr. Sidik noted it was submitted after the deadline. He requested that the Commission not consider this map but include it in the report as a map submitted after the deadline. Mr. Thornton had questions. Mr. Kearney responded. Mr. Thornton clarified that the map could be submitted to the Council for consideration. Mr. Kearney said they could include it in the report as a map that was not considered. Mr. Sidik asked if any Commissioner was opposed to including it in the report. Mr. Robey made comments. Mr. Goddard made comments. Mr. Sidik said they will not include it in the final report.

There will be a roll call vote on the existing five map options. Mr. Sidik named all the names for the record:

The current map as it stands with Bel Air's changes → Map #1

Robey Plan → Map #2

Aberdeen/Havre de Grace plan → Map #3

Aberdeen/Havre de Grace "PLUS" → Map #4

Wilson plan → Map #5

Mr. Thornton had a question. Mr. Goddard had comments regarding the passing vote. Mr. Sidik clarified that when it comes to the recommendation, there will be only one recommendation to the Council.

Mr. Sidik asked if there are any maps that no Commissioner is considering. Mr. Thornton moved to remove **Map #5**. Mr. Goddard seconded. There was a roll call vote. Mr. Goddard supports the motion to remove **Map #5**; Mr. Robey supports the motion to remove; Mr. Thornton supports the motion to remove; Ms. Bracknell supports the motion to remove; Mr. Sidik supports the motion to remove. The motion to remove **Map #5** from consideration is approved with 5 votes in support of removing **Map #5** from consideration and 0 votes in opposition of the motion.

Mr. Sidik opened the floor to the Commissioners to discuss the maps they prefer. Mr. Goddard made a motion to consider **Map #1**. There was no second. The motion failed.

Mr. Robey made a motion to consider **Map #2**; Mr. Goddard seconded. It was open for discussion. Mr. Robey made comments on his thought process behind the creation of this map. Mr. Thornton and Mr. Goddard made comments. Mr. Thornton had additional comments. Mr. Robey had comments and Mr. Thornton responded. Mr. Goddard had additional comments and cited the minutes from the special meeting of the City of Havre de Grace City Council and correspondence dated June 27, 2001 from Council Attorney Charles Kearney. Mr. Thornton, Mr. Robey and Mr. Goddard had additional comments. Mr. Sidik made final comments.

There was a roll call vote: Mr. Goddard supports the motion to consider **Map #2**; Mr. Robey supports the motion to consider **Map #2**; Mr. Thornton does not support the motion; Mr. Bracknell does not support the motion; Mr. Sidik does not support the motion. The motion to consider **Map #2** failed with 2 votes in support of the motion and 3 votes in opposition of the motion.

Ms. Bracknell made a motion to consider **Map #3**. Mr. Thornton seconded. It was opened for discussion. Ms. Bracknell made comments as to why she is in support of **Map #3**. Mr. Goddard made comments. Mr. Robey and Mr. Thornton made comments. Mr. Goddard made additional comments.

There was a roll call vote: Mr. Goddard does not support the motion to consider **Map #3**; Mr. Robey does not support the motion; Mr. Thornton supports the motion; Mr. Bracknell supports the motion to consider **Map #3**; and Mr. Sidik does not support the motion. The motion to consider **Map #3** failed with 2 votes in support of the motion and 3 votes in opposition of the motion.

Ms. Bracknell made a motion to consider **Map #4**. Mr. Thornton seconded. It was opened for discussion. Ms. Bracknell made comments. Mr. Robey and Mr. Thornton made comments. Mr. Goddard made additional comments. Mr. Sidik made comments.

There was a roll call vote: Mr. Goddard does not support the motion to consider **Map #4**; Mr. Robey does not support the motion; Mr. Thornton supports the motion to consider **Map #4**; Ms. Bracknell supports the motion to consider **Map #4**; and Mr.

Sidik supports the motion to consider **Map #4**. The motion to consider **Map #4** is approved with 3 votes in support and 2 votes in opposition of the motion.

Map #4 will be the Commission's recommended map to the Harford County Council.

There were final comments among the Commission regarding the meeting this coming Thursday, September 30, 2021.

Each Commissioner made final comments.

5. Adjournment

Mr. Goddard made a motion to approve. Mr. Thornton seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Approved _____  _____

Chairperson

Date