FAIRFAX COUNTY
REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021

PRESENT: Paul Berry, At-Large, Chairman
Karen Campblin, African American Community Representative, Vice-Chair
Lisa Sales, At-Large *(arrived at 6:17 p.m.)*
William Bouie, At-Large
Prashanth Rajan, Braddock District
James Bierman, Dranesville District
Richard Chew, Hunter Mill District
Bryon Garner, Lee District
Alis Wang, Mason District
Gerald "Gerry" Hyland, Mount Vernon District *(arrived at 6:17 p.m.)*
Linda Smyth, Providence District
Paul Liberty, Springfield District
Samuel Walker, Sully District
Silvia Patton, Asian/Pacific Islander Community Representative
George Becerra, Northern Virginia Labor Federation Representative
Maya Castillo, Hispanic Community Representative

ABSENT: Scott Price, Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce Representative
Tim Thompson, Federation of Citizens Associations Representative

REMOTE: Anne Kanter, League of Women Voters Representative
Saif Rahman, Arab American Community Representative

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Chairman Paul Berry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room 11 of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

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The following Representatives attended the meeting in-person, in Conference Room 11 of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

- Paul Berry, At-Large, Chairman

- Karen Campblin, African American Community Representative, Vice-Chair

- Lisa Sales, At-Large *(arrived at 6:17 p.m.)*

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Chairman Berry presented the meeting's agenda and asked if there was a motion to approve.

Representative Chew MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING'S AGENDA.

Representative Bouie seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 11-0. Representatives Campblin, Liberty, Rajan, Hyland, Sales, Rahman, and Kanter were not present during the vote. Representatives Price and Thompson were absent from the meeting.

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Chairman Berry announced there were remote participants and requested that each remote participant state for the record their location and reason for participating remotely:

- Anne Kanter, League of Women Voters Representative, stated that she was participating from McLean, VA; her first remote attendance due to a medical condition.

- Saif Rahman, Arab American Community Representative, stated that he was participating from Seattle, WA; his first remote attendance due to being on a personal vacation (personal matter).

Representative Bouie MOVED THAT FOR EACH MEMBER PARTICIPATING REMOTELY, THE REMOTE PARTICIPANT'S VOICE WAS CLEAR, AUDIBLE AND AT AN APPROPRIATE VOLUME FOR THE MEETING ROOM AND THAT THEIR REMOTE PARTICIPATION COMPORTS WITH THE POLICY.

Representative Liberty seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 14-0. Representatives Hyland, Sales, Rahman, and Kanter were not present during the vote. Representatives Price and Thompson were absent from the meeting.

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Paul Liberty, Springfield District Representative, introduced himself to the Committee.

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Chairman Berry announced the next agenda item, approval of the Minutes from the Redistricting Advisory Committee's second meeting, held on August 3, 2021, and asked if there was a motion to approve.

Representative Bouie MOVED TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 3, 2021, MINUTES.

Representative Liberty seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 16-0. Representatives Hyland and Sales were not present during the vote. Representatives Price and Thompson were absent from the meeting.

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Chairman Berry opened up the meeting for Committee member statements and open discussion.

Representative Kanter shared information regarding the League of Women Voters and its work related to redistricting.

Chairman Berry shared information on the process for the data and map analysis portion of the Redistricting Advisory Committee's work.

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Chairman Berry opened the floor for the Public Input Session and called for the preregistered speakers.

Adnan Bokhari, Speaker #1, was called. Mr. Bokhari was not present to speak. *(Mr. Bokhari spoke later in the meeting)*

The Committee then heard testimony from Speaker #2, Emily Rakowski, a Dranesville District resident in Shouse Village, via telephone. Ms. Rakowski shared information regarding the impact of the last redistricting on her community's designated school boundaries and asked that the Committee take into consideration allowing the Dranesville District to have some stability.

Following Ms. Rakowski's testimony, Chairman Berry asked if there were any additional persons who did not preregister to speak who would like to speak during the Public Input Session. No additional persons requested to speak.

The Committee was then presented a video recording from Senator Jennifer L. McClellan, 9th District, Virginia General Assembly.

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The Committee went into recess at 6:16 p.m. and returned at 6:30 p.m.

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Chairman Berry opened up the floor for Committee discussion.

Representative Bierman commented on the 2011 Redistricting Report and Committee discussion ensued on the number of maps to present to the Board of Supervisors.

Representative Rahman requested that the Committee discuss community input and ways to getting more public comment. Discussion ensued with multiple Representatives on the:

- Efforts of staff for the August 17, 2021, Public Input Session;
- Benefits and barriers of another public input session;
- Ways of getting additional community input;
- Tools for messaging out to the community;
- Social media outreach efforts;
- Language used for messaging on the Committee's efforts and focus; and
- Written testimony received.

Representative Bierman asked for clarification on the timeline for the Committee's work and the release of census data from the state for the Committee's use. Chairman Berry shared that the data would be released on August 26, 2021, and that the County's GIS team would need time to input the data into the redistricting software, so the Committee would be training on August 26, 2021, with old data.

Representative Bierman asked if the Committee's meeting scheduled for September 1, 2021, would need to be rescheduled and presented several potential meeting date options; Chairman Berry stated that the Committee would know more on if the September 1, 2021, meeting can move forward once GIS gets the data uploaded on August 26, 2021.

The Committee then discussed several matters including:

- From what perspective the Committee will be evaluating the data received;
- The use of the One Fairfax related data;
- Collaboration between Committee members on maps;
- A Facebook Page dedicated to the Redistricting Advisory Committee;
- The Board of Supervisors Public Hearing date on November 9, 2021; and
- The end product of the committee and its effects on the public.

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Following discussion, Chairman Berry asked if there were any persons that would like to speak.

Chairman Berry recognized Adnan Bokhari, registered Speaker #1, who had arrived at the meeting and requested to speak. Mr. Bokhari shared with the Committee that he appreciated the Committee's conversation about outreach and wanted to make sure that all voices are represented, and further, that he'd like to see equity and real inclusion of communities that are left out. Mr. Bokhari further shared that he had lived in Arlington and moved to Great Falls and that his state senator had not changed. He shared his desire to see a maximized, equal, and direct representation.

No additional persons requested to speak.

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Discussion then ensued between multiple Representatives on:

- Comments on redistricting made or submitted to the Board of Supervisors;
- The number of residents in a District and how additional Districts may be affected by the mandate for a population deviation of no more than 10%;
- Clarifying the Redistricting Advisory Committee's work and scope;
- Outreach materials, such as a FAQ section on the website or a one-pager;
- The use of the Board of Supervisors' offices for communication and outreach; and
- Outreach opportunities to those who do not have internet access.

Representative Rahman asked if he could make a motion for public comment to be added to the agenda for each meeting, as suggested by Representative Campblin. Chairman Berry shared that he would be adding public comment to the future meeting agendas and that the Committee will vote on the agenda's composition at the beginning of each meeting.

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Chairman Berry announced that the next scheduled Redistricting Advisory Committee meeting would be on August 26, 2021, in the Computer Lab (Suite 364 of the Government Center) and that the next meeting after August 26, 2021, would be September 1, 2021.

Chairman Berry shared with the Committee that depending on the release of the Census data from the state to the County and due to the work that the County's GIS team would need to do once the data is received, the meeting scheduled for September 1, 2021, may need to move.

Discussion ensued between multiple Representatives, and suggestions were made as to a potential reschedule date for the September 1 meeting, taking into consideration holidays and Labor Day weekend. The Committee came to a general consensus to discuss the potential rescheduling of the September 1, 2021, meeting at the August 26, 2021, meeting.

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At the conclusion of the meeting, Chairman Berry asked for a member to move to adjourn the meeting.

Representative Chew MOVED THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AS OF 7:43 p.m.

The motion was seconded by Representative Bouie which carried by a vote of 18-0. Representatives Price and Thompson were absent from the meeting.