

Redistricting Advisory Committee Meeting #14 Minutes

January 18th, 2022, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Virtual

PRESENT:

Paul Berry, At-Large, Chairman

Lisa Sales, At-Large

James Bierman, Dranesville District

Richard Chew, Hunter Mill District

Bryon Garner, Lee District

Gerald "Gerry" Hyland, Mount Vernon District

Denver Supinger, Providence District

Saif Rahman, Arab American Community Representative

George Becerra, Northern Virginia Labor Federation Representative

Jenee Lindner Springfield District

William Bouie, At-Large

Samuel Walker, Sully District

Alis Wang, Mason District

Candace Butler, League of Women Voters Representative

Prashanth Rajan, Braddock District

Coretta Perkins, African American Community Representative

Tim Thompson, Federation of Citizens Associations Representative

ABSENT:

Scott Price, Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce Representative

Silvia Patton, Asian/Pacific Islander Community Representative

Chairman Paul Berry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. via Teams Meeting.

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Chair Berry read the provided FOIA Script to establish the reasoning of why the Committee is meeting virtually and to ensure public access to the meeting. While reading the FOIA script Chairman Berry MOVED THAT ALL ATTENDEES OF THE MEETING COULD BE HEARD. The motion was seconded by Representative Bierman. The motion passed unanimously.

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Chairman Berry presented the meeting's agenda and an amendment which added a 10-minute discussion at 6:40 PM to discuss budget requests. Representative Walker MOVED THAT THE AGENDA BE PASSED AS AMENDED. The motion was seconded by Representative Chew and passed unanimously.

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Chairman Berry presented draft minutes and MOVED FOR THE MINUTES TO BE APPROVED WITH THE PROPER SPELLING CORRECTIONS. The motion was seconded by Representative Walker and passed unanimously.

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Chairman Berry opened the floor to the public for comment. There were no members of the public present.

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Lindsey Martin of Chairman McKay's office presented budget options for the Committee's outreach effort. Conversation by the Committee ensued, and it was decided that the Committee will continue this conversation in meetings to come to figure the best way forward.

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Chairman Berry lead the Committee into a conversation on how to establish criteria for selecting Districts and Precincts to consider as part of the renaming process. The committee presented seven different criteria. Each criterion was considered by the body independently.

Chairman Berry MOVED THAT THE QUESTION “DOES THE NAME VIOLATE THE SPIRIT OR EXPLICIT MEANING OF THE ONE FAIRFAX POLICY?” BE ADOPTED AS A CRITERIA. The motion was seconded by Representative Wang and passed unanimously.

Chairman Berry MOVED THAT THE QUESTION “IS THE NAME OFFENSIVE TO THE COMMUNITY?” BE ADOPTED AS A CRITERIA. The motion was seconded by Representative Sales and passed unanimously.

Chairman BERRY MOVED THAT THE QUESTION “IS THE NAME RELATED TO THE CONFEDERATE PAST?” BE ADOPTED AS A CRITERIA. The motion was seconded by Representative Sales and passed unanimously.

Chairman Berry MOVED THAT THE QUESTION “IS THE NAME ASSOCIATED WITH SEGREGATION, JIM CORW, RACISM, DISCRIMINATION, OR SLAVE OWNERSHIP?” TO BE ADOPTED AS CRITERIA. The motion was seconded by Representative Bouie and passed the body with 14 in favor and one abstention.

Chairman Berry MOVED THAT THE QUESTION “IS THE NAME CONFUSING TO RESIDENTS OR IS IT GEOGRAPHICALLY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DISTRICT?” TO BE ADOPTED AS A CRITERIA. The motion was seconded by Representative Wang and passed unanimously.

Chairman Berry MOVED THAT THE QUESTION “IS THE NAME OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OR IS THE NAME NO LONGER REFLECTIVE OF LIFE IN THAT PART OF THE COUNTY?” TO BE ADOPTED AS A CRITERIA. The motion was seconded by Representative Rahman and passed unanimously.

Chairman Berry MOVED THAT THE QUESTION “DOES IT HELP RESIDENTS ASPIRE TO THE BEST POSSIBLE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE FUTURE?” TO BE ADOPTED AS A CRITERIA. The motion was seconded by Representative Rahman and passed unanimously.

Chairman Berry MOVED THAT PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED CRITERIA OF “IS A NAME CHANGE DISRUPTIVE TO THE ECONOMIC INTEREST OF THE DISTRICT OR PRECINCT?” be listed independently as a discussion consideration. The motion was seconded by Representative Sales and passed unanimously.

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Using the agreed-upon criteria, Chairman Berry opened the floor to Representatives to recommend District and precincts for the Committee to evaluate.

Representative Hyland MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE EVALUATE THE NAME OF LEE DISTRICT based on criteria points #2, #3, and #4. The motion was seconded by Representative Garner and passed unanimously body.

Representative Supinger MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE EVALUATE THE NAME OF SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT based on criteria #5. The motion was seconded by Representative Rahman and passed unanimously.

Representative Supinger MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE EVALUATE THE NAME OF SULLY DISTRICT based on criteria #1, #3, and #4. The motion was seconded by Representative Garner and passed unanimously.

Representative Rahman MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE EVALUATE THE NAME OF MASON DISTRICT based on criteria #3. The motion was seconded by Representative Chew and passed unanimously.

Representative Supinger MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE EVALUATE THE NAME OF MT VERNON DISTRICT based on criteria #4. The motion was seconded by Representative Chew. The motion passed with 13 in FAVOR and 2 OPPOSED.

Representative CHEW MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE EVALUATE THE NAME OF HOLLIN HALL PRECINCT based on criteria #4. The motion was seconded by Representative Lindner and passed unanimously.

Representative Supinger MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE EVALUATE THE NAME OF THE MOSBY PRECINCT based on criteria 1, 2, 3 and 4. The motion was seconded by Representative Rahman and passed unanimously by the body.

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Representative Rahman MOVED TO TABLE CONVERSATION OF FURTHER PRECINCTS AND DISTRICTS TO BE CONSIDERED. The motion was seconded by Representative HYLAND and passed unanimously.

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Chairman Berry MOVED THAT WE TABLE THE “REPORT DESIGN AND EVALUATION METHODS” SECTION OF THE AGENDA TO A LATER DATE DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS. The motion passed unanimously.

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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 8:12 P.M. Representative Sales seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.