

## NORMAN REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

July 20, 2011

The Reapportionment Commission of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma met in Annual Session in the South Conference Room of the Norman Municipal Building at 201-A West Gray Street on Monday, July 20, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Norman Municipal Building at 201-A West Gray at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Item No. 1, being:

### **CALL TO ORDER.**

Chair Cheryl Clayton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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Item No. 2, being:

### **ROLL CALL.**

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

David Morgan  
James Sheffield  
Phoebe Schmitz  
Jonathan Leavey  
Lea Greenleaf  
Ted Metscher  
Chadwick Cox  
Cheryl Clayton  
Karl Jahnke

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

None

A quorum was present.

#### CITY STAFF PRESENT

Doug Koscinski, Manager of Current  
Planning  
Joyce Green, GIS Services Manager  
Susan Connors, Planning Director  
Wayne Stenis, Planner II  
Roné Tromble, Administrative Technician

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Ms. Green introduced Susan Connors, Director of the Planning Department.

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Item No. 3, being:

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 11, 2011 MEETING.**

*Lea Greenleaf moved to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2011 meeting, as submitted. Phoebe Schmitz seconded the motion.* There being no further discussion, the motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2011 meeting, as submitted, was adopted by a unanimous vote.

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Item No. 4, being:

**CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF ANNUAL POPULATION FIGURES AND THEIR EFFECT ON THE CITY'S WARD SYSTEM.**

**ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD.**

1. City of Norman Ward & Precinct Map (July 18, 2011)
2. Current Plat Activity with Ward Overlay Map
3. Transfer Map provided by Chad Cox

**DISCUSSION BY THE COMMISSION.**

1. Mr. Morgan asked whether staff had time to implement the suggestions that Mr. Cox had submitted. Ms. Green said she had not. Staff needs the Commission to give direction on what part of the ward those numbers should come from in each case.

2. Ms. Green displayed the 2008 plan that the Commission had requested to look at. The lowest is Ward 2 and the largest is Ward 1. The 2010 numbers have been worked into the 2008 layout.

3. Mr. Sheffield asked what the Council's objection was to the 2008 proposal. Mr. Koscinski responded that we were at the end of a cycle, and we have to reapportion based on the census numbers. In between the numbers are estimates, based on building permits and not occupancy. Mr. Morgan added that certain City Council members didn't want to lose certain areas from their wards.

4. Mr. Cox asked if it would be possible to recommend changes that would move Council members out of their ward. Mr. Koscinski responded that the Commission can make such a recommendation, and the Council would have the opportunity to modify the proposal. There have been cases where Council members were moved out of their ward.

5. The Commission tried numerous variations of ward configurations.

6. Ms. Green displayed a map that staff had devised earlier in the day while working with the numbers. Mr. Koscinski explained that in this plan Ward 7 remained pretty much intact, Ward 4 grew to the north, Ward 1 was adjusted to decrease the population, and the eastern arm in Ward 8 was assimilated into Wards 6 and 5. The one

ugly line is in the area of the golf course. The variance between wards is about 9%.

7. Ms. Connors commented that this might be a good option given the current economy. We have the opportunity for about 2,000 new lots in Ward 8 that have been approved. There may be growth in a number of the wards over the next ten years.

*Jim Sheffield moved to have staff prepare maps of the two options looked at this evening (the staff version and the modified 2008 proposal), along with the numbers, to allow the Commission to study them and compare. Phoebe Schmitz seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was adopted by a unanimous vote.*

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Item No. 5, being:

**MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION.**

1. The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, July 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Mr. Morgan noted that he will be out of town for the next two weeks.

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Item No. 6, being:

**ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further discussion and no objection, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Passed and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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Norman Reapportionment Commission