



Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (ICRC)
August 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Video Conference

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CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Prabhu Kannan

Brigham Morris

Errol Hardin

Eugene Schneider

Erin Dempsey

Luis Gonzalez, Vice-Chair

Dr. Sterling Lands

Hoang Le

Shaina Kambo

Sara Inés Calderón

Selina Yee

Christina Puentes, Chair

Joshua Blank

Camellia Falcon

Members in Attendance	Staff In Attendance
Christina Puentes, Chair Luis Gonzalez, Vice Chair Joshua Blank Sara Inés Calderón Erin Dempsey Camellia Falcon Errol Hardin Prabhu Kannan Dr. Sterling Lands Hoang Le Eugene Schneider Selina Yee	Matthew Dugan, City's Planning Manager George Korbel, Mapping Specialist Christine Granados, ICRC Administrative Manager

MINUTES

Meeting Goals: Receive Information about Census Data and City's Boundaries; Receive Updates from Working Groups/Subcommittees

CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Puentes called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with 11 members present.
Commissioner Kannan joined the meeting at 6:05 p.m.**

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first three speakers who register to speak no later than noon the day before the meeting will be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

Peck Young addressed the ICRC and opted to withhold comment at the public meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion and possible action on the Aug. 11, 2021, ICRC meeting minutes.

The Aug. 11, 2021, meeting minutes were approved without objection.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The ICRC may discuss and take action on the following agenda items

- A. Update from Public Forum Working Group on calendar changes

Vice Chair Gonzalez gave update about county public forums being pushed back a week.

3. NEW BUSINESS

The ICRC may discuss and take action on the following agenda items

- A. Presentation from Lila Valencia, Austin City Demographer

City Demographer Lila Valencia shared findings from 2020 U.S. Census.

- B. Presentation from City Attorney on open meetings

Assistant City Attorney Lynn Carter reviewed Open Meetings Act; Assistant City Attorney Zach Brown reviewed the Public Information Act.

- C. Update from Communications Working Group

Commissioner Calderón discussed social media policies and the work done placing paid advertising on social media and legacy media.

- D. Update from Finance Subcommittee

Vice Chair Gonzalez discussed the \$2,000 in expenditures for Zoom moderator, website maintenance and overtime charges related to public forums.

- E. Update from Final Report Subcommittee

No update.

- F. Discussion on mapping process

Commissioner Yee made a motion to allow commissioners to voluntarily meet one-on-one with Mapping Specialist George Korbel after there has been a group discussion of the preliminary map he has drawn. Commissioner Calderón seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

G. Housekeeping

- *Commissioners agreed to have administrative manager BCC all communications with the public.*
- *Commissioner Falcon is in touch the City about placing NextDoor advertising*
- *Commissioner Hardin raised concerns that ICRC is not responding to questions asked at public forums and wanted clarity on what type of questions need immediate response*
- *Commissioner Kannon wanted virtual public forums to have breakout rooms with public for commissioners to have full conversations with public. This brought up questions of what ICRC should be answering and length of time of meetings.*

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- *Invitation to City Watershed Department*
- *Invitation to Transportation Department*
- *Invitation to Austin Neighborhood Council to speak about neighborhood associations' role in the political process*
- *Discussion on improving the way virtual public forums are conducted*
- *Discussion on questions asked in in-person public forums and clarity on what commissioners are able to discuss as well as COVID protocols in those forums*
- *Discussion about in person regular meetings starting Sept. 1*

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Puentes adorned the meeting at 7:59 p.m. without objections.

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