

**Citizens Advisory Commission on Reapportionment
Summary of Actions for the April 27, 2011 Meeting
Room 1417 City Hall, Buffalo New York**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:40pm.

2. Roll Call

- **Individuals Present at this meeting were:**

- **Commissioners:** Patti Bowers-Pierce, Lionel Davis, Bonita Durand, Phil Lowery, Marc Panepinto, (chair for this meeting), Marysol Rosado, Russell Weaver).

Excused: Matthew Brown, Brian Gould

- **Common Council Member(s):** Council Member Kearns

- **Staff:** Brian Bray, James Pajak, Tom Ball, Laura Rucinski

- **Others:** Representatives from the League of Women Voters.

3. Approval of Summary of Actions from April 20th Approved with necessary corrections by unanimous vote (Davis/Lowery).

4. New Business

- Phil Lowey addressed the issues raised at previous meetings on the Southern Boundary Strategy Map ;

- 1) Small green portion at the north end of the map (indicating Masten) will be coded to reflect the Delaware District (fuchsia).

- 2) Green portion (41) needs to be reconciled as being part of Masten or Lovejoy (purple).

- 3) Niagara Tract 65.01 should become purple to reflect the Lovejoy District.

- 4) Small Lime (indicating North) should be colored violet to represent Niagara District.

- 5) Need to identify the Southern Boundary street in the Niagara District

- 6) A question was raised by Commissioner Panepinto about what was the impact to the socioeconomic composition of the Masten and Delaware Districts by moving the Parkside area to the Masten District

- Commissioner Panepinto requested that Commissioner Lowery create a proposal that keeps Starin Central (Census Tract 45) area on the Southern Boundaries Map be added back to the Delaware District and find the necessary numbers for Masten from other areas.

- Commissioner Weaver will provide an updated Equalization Map using more current neighborhood planning maps.

- Commissioner Weaver will overlay the neighborhood planning maps with the two work products that have been produced to date.

- Commissioner Panepinto will make the correction to the narrative to accompany the Modified Equalization Map.

- Commissioner Davis revisited the request made of Council members at the April 9th meeting as indicated:
All commissioners agreed that it would be helpful to get the following information from each Common Council Member.
 - *What do you see as the core of your current district (not a geographic core necessarily)?*
 - *What would you be willing to loose from your current district to the reapportionment process?*

After some discussion it was agreed that the request would be resubmitted to each Council Member in the form of a survey and accompanied by a letter from Co-Chairs Brown and Panepinto.

- At the next meeting the Commission agreed to decide on the concepts or guiding principles that will be followed to develop final recommendation to the Common Council such as:
 1. Keep districts together as they stand now with reduced population
 2. Look as compactness
 3. Other options

5. Old Business:

- Request to receive map of the Districts by Census Tract not by Election Districts. MIS has the map in electronic format. Council Staff does not have resources to print the maps at this time. They will provide on CD on Saturday.

6. Announcements:

None

7. Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 6:48pm (Davis/Bowers-Pierce).

Respectfully Submitted,

