

**City of Carpinteria  
Ad Hoc District Elections Committee  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting**

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Acting City Clerk Barrett noted for the record that this meeting would be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Orders N-29-20 and N-33-20 and Santa Barbara County Health Officer's Order in response to the spread of the COVID-19 virus and provided the protocols by which the public would be participating and stated that members of the Committee, staff and any presenters would be participating by video conference.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call.

Councilmember Alarcon called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm.

Committee Members present: Councilmember Natalia Alarcon  
Vice Mayor Al Clark

Staff members present: Dave Durlinger, City Manager  
Brian C. Barrett, Acting City Clerk

Others present: Sophia Garcia with Redistricting Partners  
Russell Ruiz

2. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of meeting minutes of September 29, 2021.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Vice Mayor Clark, seconded by Councilmember Alarcon, to approve the meeting minutes of September 29, 2021. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Alarcon, Vice Mayor Clark  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried unanimously.

4. Adjustments to District Elections Schedule / Website

City Manager Durflinger noted that the mailout of the maps will occur in the next week or two and that the Council will discuss mapping at the November 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting and later hold the subsequent meetings that are identified on the District Elections schedule. Ms. Garcia reported that the placemat maps are being finalized and anticipated the City will get them by the end of the week.

Councilmember Alarcon asked if there were any other adjustments to the schedule. City Manager Durflinger identified the September and October 2021 pre-map hearings that are currently shown on the District Elections website as the City Council meeting of November 8<sup>th</sup> and a subsequent City Council meeting to be determined, respectively. He noted that the remaining three meetings will occur in January, February, and March of 2022 as shown on the website.

Vice Mayor Clark asked when the 2020 Census data would be incorporated into DistrictR. Ms. Garcia noted that due to DistrictR staff turnover, it is taking a bit longer to have the 2020 Census data incorporated. City Manager Durflinger displayed the write-up that will be sent with the placemat map sent to all City households. He anticipated that DistrictR will be available for mapping with the census information at the time the City sends the mailing.

Councilmember Alarcon asked if the November 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting is where the Council will review maps submitted by the public and suggested setting a due date to encourage the public to draw maps by a certain date. City Manager Durflinger noted that the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting is a pre-map hearing to talk about the principles of district mapping, the outcomes of communities of interest input, and education and awareness on the districting process. He asked Redistricting Partners if there was a deadline to for the public to get maps submitted for the Council to consider. Ms. Garcia responded that Redistricting Partners could turn around draft maps within a day and that the hard deadline would be before the final hearing. She noted that it was best practice for the public to submit maps before the first or second meeting where maps are discussed by the Council.

Vice Mayor Clark inquired if the Council will select district boundaries and which districts will be up for election in 2022 at the final hearing. Ms. Garcia replied affirmatively that the preference is to letter the districts instead of numbering them and after adoption of the final map, the Council will discuss the sequencing of which district will have what number and be up for election in 2022.

Vice Mayor Clark asked if there was a possibility that the final hearing wouldn't be held in March. City Manager Durflinger responded that March was selected to ensure there was sufficient time to submit a final map to the County Registrar's Office. Vice Mayor Clark commented that it's important to give ample time for new candidates to get ready for the election.

There was no public comment.

#### 5. Outcomes of Communities of Interest

Vice Mayor Clark noted he was interested in seeing what communities of interest people identified. Ms. Garcia displayed the maps submitted so far in DistrictR which included 21 draft maps and three maps submitted, but still in progress. She explained that some maps show four districts while others show five and that there are a number of maps that appear to be full plans. She noted that DistrictR still needs to add the correct number of Council districts. Councilmember Alarcon asked clarification on the full map description versus communities of interest maps. Ms. Garcia responded that when a map is submitted through the community of interest tool in DistrictR, it doesn't show the total population; however, the district option to draw district plans automatically shows the populations in each district. She noted that since DistrictR hasn't updated its district drawing tool, the public is relying on the community of interest maps. Vice Mayor Clark commented that one could see the population by district and percentage by race when using the community of interest tool. Ms. Garcia replied affirmatively and said that Redistricting Partners could create a data table for each submission. She observed that Redistricting Partners would identify any themes to use as a basis for draft maps. Councilmember Alarcon noted the next step is for Redistricting Partners to create a data table for each map submission and analyze the communities of interest. City Manager Durflinger clarified that the analysis of the community of interest maps would be presented to the City Council.

Councilmember Alarcon opened up public comment.

Mr. Ruiz noted he would like all his submitted maps disregarded except for his latest map submission. Ms. Garcia said the best practice is to show all feedback on communities of interest maps. City Manager Durflinger recommended Mr. Ruiz specify in writing which maps he would like disregarded and which to be uplifted so it is included in materials presented to the Council for consideration.

#### 6. Future Plans

City Manager Durflinger asked if the Committee felt comfortable concluding its work or if it felt there was subject matter to discuss at another future meeting(s) prior to the November 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. He suggested not running parallel processes at the Committee level and Council level and that the Committee could conclude its work prior to the November 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

Vice Mayor Clark asked what the Council's task would be at the November 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. City Manager Durflinger responded that the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting is the first meeting of two pre-map hearings before the City Council. He said it was a mandatory opportunity to inform the City Council and community on what was learned through the

community of interest process and how to go about the mapping process. Vice Mayor Clark asked when the second pre-map hearing would be held. City Manager Durflinger replied that it would likely occur at the first Council meeting in December or a special Council meeting in December. He recommended that the first and second pre-map hearings be held by the end of the calendar year.

Vice Mayor Clark felt there was no reason for the Committee to meet again. Councilmember Alarcon agreed and asked if staff could attend a Farmer's Market to hand out additional information on the districting process. City Manager Durflinger responded affirmatively. Vice Mayor Clark thought it was a good idea. City Manager Durflinger noted he would work on setting up the Farmer's Market in conjunction with the mailer and have placemat maps and other information for the public.

There was no public comment.

7. Adjournment.

Councilmember Alarcon noted that this was the last meeting of the Ad Hoc District Elections Committee and thanked everyone for participating. She adjourned the meeting at 4:37 pm.

  
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Brian C. Barrett, Acting City Clerk