



MINUTES

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING / PUBLIC FORUM

Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Fallbrook Regional Health District, Community Room, 138 S. Brandon Rd., Fallbrook

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Barbara Mroz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Members Present: Directors Barbara Mroz, William Leach, Jennifer Jeffries and Kate Schwartz-Frates.

Absent: Director Howard Salmon.

Also Present: Legal Counsel Blaise Jackson, Wendy Lyon, Linda Bannerman, Pamela Knox and Shalice Tilton representing National Demographics Corporation. It was noted that a Spanish speaking interpreter was in attendance as well.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

C. BOARD MEMBER AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice President Mroz asked Counsel Blaise Jackson to reiterate the purpose of the meeting. Counsel said this meeting was scheduled for members of the community to provide input to the Board regarding the development of the re-zoning maps. The community is welcome to submit maps as well as make suggestions regarding the zones. A map of the District was on the screen, as well as paper maps and markers if anyone wanted to outline specific areas.

D. PRESENTATIONS

D1. Public Forum – Transition to Zone-Based Elections – National Demographics Corporation
Shalice Tilton said National Demographics Corporation was hired by Fallbrook Regional Health District to develop maps for the District in its move from at-large to zone-based elections. It was noted that several public forums have already taken place to elicit input from the residents of the District. Since there are five board seats up for election on the District Board of Directors, there will be five zones within the District based on nearly equal total populations. She said at this point, the maps are required to be based on 2010 census figures, and the process will need to occur again after the 2020 census, with those figures being used thereafter. The FRHD Board determined to move forward with this process of redistricting now, fully realizing it must be done again at some expense. However, it is being done before being required to meet this law through a lawsuit and thereby saving a greater expense. She said the Latino population is the largest protected class in our District. Board members made it clear that the zones should be developed without consideration for where they reside. Ms. Tilton said her purpose tonight is to listen to the community.

Edith Guerrero asked if a drawn map exists at present. There is not a map at present. There was discussion regarding the color-coded map on the screen, which provides shaded areas and numbers of populations in protected classes.

Tom Frew asked if the map was interactive and it is not. There is a tool available for a cost. He said his group of interested citizens has some maps and copies were made for consideration. He said an interactive tool had been used with another district using the census data. Mr. Frew said the green area

on the map he provided reflects a zone with a majority minority population that they would like to have considered.

Stephen Abbott asked about the minority population total in the green area, which is around 12,000. The FRHD District requires approximately 10,000 lives per zone.

William Leach asked about the creation of zones, avoiding gerrymandering or racially polarized voting and at the same time providing consideration for protected classes who prior to the California Voting Rights Act were discriminated against. Federal Law and California Law must both be considered.

Kate Schwartz-Frates said she would like to see a draft of potential zones from which to begin. Further discussion ensued and Counsel said once the District has received input from the public, NDC will develop at least two maps for consideration by the Board. The maps must be published for the public to peruse at least seven days prior to the Board taking final action on the matter.

Kevin Alvillar of the Fallbrook Community Health Center asked for clarification about the 2020 census and when the next redistricting would take place. It would occur in 2021 and every 10 years thereafter, following each 10-year census.

Jennifer Jeffries said the green area on the map from the public containing the majority minority population consists of multi-generation families who have lived in Fallbrook for a long time. It contains high density housing, mobile home parks and a very stable community. This contiguous community fulfills the spirit and materiality of the law in terms of a potential citizen voter area population (CVAP) driven area.

Stephen Abbott asked about this minority majority population being 2000 lives more than what each zone should include, and whether it is best to keep the CVAP as low or as high as possible. Part of the answer is that the area includes 52% of the CVA Hispanic population and looking at whether there is a reasonable contiguous area that might include a good portion of the remainder of the protected class.

Ricardo Favela said he would like to see this recommended "green" area extend down to O'Hearn to the south, Alturas on the west side, Old Stage Road to the east and the north to De Luz.

Kate Schwartz-Frates asked if it was possible to have an interactive map to "play with" in a public meeting

MOTION: It was moved by Director Jeffries, seconded by Director Schwartz-Frates to recommend that the purchase of a toolkit for an interactive map be placed on the next regular board meeting agenda.

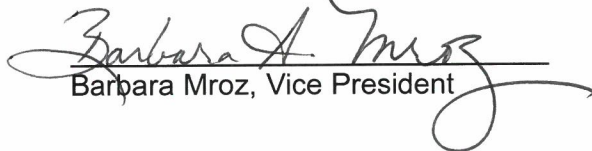
MOTION CARRIED: 4-0. Director Salmon absent

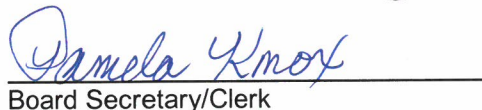
Board members asked if a map could be created for use with the interactive toolkit. Discussion ensued. There was a demonstration of how the toolkit could be used with the interactive map.

Following next week's board meeting, another mapping meeting can be scheduled.

E. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m. Director Schwartz-Frates thanked the audience for attending and participating.


Barbara Mroz, Vice President


Board Secretary/Clerk