

Albany County Redistricting Commission [November 15th, 2021]

Attendance

ACRC Commissioners	Other	MMD Commissioners
Joan Ramsey		Dominic Mazza
Warren E. Hamilton		Adrienne Kisse
Larry Volk		Marie Allen Campbell
Patricia Sibia		Larry Mauldin
Thomas Clingan		Keshana Owens-Cody
Sita Subbaram		Constance Graves
Leif Hartmark		
Julia Reeb	Patrick Collins	
Mark McCumber	Caitlin O' Brien	

Discussion Items

Public Hearing

- Public comments would probably increase after the first maps are available, however it would be a good idea to have an initial meeting before the maps are drawn and the outset of the process. Public may have strong feelings about their district and will need a voice and their opinions heard in this process.
- Public hearings will introduce transparency
- Timing should be considered, and maybe we should wait until we have a mapper in place before the first hearing (open for discussion, some comments indicating we don't need a mapper present)
- More participation occurs with zoom or virtual than in person, but we need both in-person and virtual (open item)
- Tentative dates mid to late January 2022 to early February 2022.
- Patrick Collins will provide a link to Albany County GIS to the commission.

- Details needed for the hearings and administrative support, according to the law public hearings need a minimum of 3 days' notice but 5 days is what Mr. Collins tries for at the legislature. It is advertised in both Albany newspapers: The Times Union (publishes legal notices on Thursdays) and The Evangelist as well as posted on the website.
- Zoom might be a security issue (hacking by outside party) if an open link is provided, maybe asking people to sign up ahead of time and then providing the link may be a better option.
- College students/interns (suggested Rockefeller college) for administrative support with or without payment is available. If without payment, college credits would be involved, and someone would need to monitor that on the commission.

Mapping RFP

- With reference to the RFP in our qualifications and scope of work, should we give weight or include in the RFP, an emphasis on knowledge of Albany County geography and demographics. This may be limiting in terms of applicants.
- RFP needs to go out to be published in the newspaper Friday and published next Thursday and RFP's due middle of December.
- Timeline may be an issue in terms of legislative approval for cost of mapping (depends on cost).

Mapping Evaluation team

- Different from counsel RFP evaluators- Joan Ramsey, Sita Subbaram and Julia Reeb volunteered. The three volunteers will come up with the evaluation for mapping RFP.

Notes prepared by Sita Subbaram from the November 15th 2021 zoom recording.