

Albany County Redistricting Commission [March 21, 2022]

Attendance

ACRC Commissioners	Interns	MMD Commissioners
Joan Ramsey	Nicholas Glass (ACRC)	Dominic Mazza
Warren E. Hamilton	Nassim Ramdani (MMD)	Adrienne Kisse
Larry Volk		Marie Allen Campbell
Patricia Sibia		Larry Mauldin
Thomas Clingan		Keshana Owens-Cody
Sita Subbaram		Constance Graves
Leif Hartmark		
Julia Reeb		
Mark McCumber	Guest: Professor Wice Marisa Zanfardino	Guest: Priya Sankalia Ashley Tardiff Priti Mathur Sam Mathur

Discussion Items

Mapping

- Marie started a conversation with ARCBridge to start addressing concerns people had about how the separate mapping software used by ACRC and MMD would interact
- Both mappers agreed they could use output from either tool with their software and Sam Mathur of ARCBridge expressed concern with confusing the public by having both tools available to the public
- Commission and MMD agreed that having 2 sets of software would be too confusing and decided to leave only the Maptitude software available on the website and ARCBridge would analyze any inputs through it
- The decision was made that mapping submissions would be reviewed to see if they met parameters before could not be

converted to the program, it would not stop the commission from using their ideas

Work Plan & Timeline

- Patricia mentioned a Sunday meeting aiming to decide upon main objectives of the commission and establishing a timeline that would fit within our original June deadline
- Marie wanted to make sure the Commission did not overlap their future public hearings with the already existing MMD dates
- Mark wanted to try and appeal more directly to the public to advertise future hearings by making the subject feel more personal
- It was discussed that public map releases should be set up so that it does not seem that ACRC and MMD maps are competing
- The commission approved the creation of a sub-group to address upcoming goals and creating a timeline that will meet on Sundays 6pm

Public Hearings

- There was discussion regarding a potential change back to an in-person format for public hearings
- There was also discussion about what the commission preferred for public hearing format going forward and it was decided we would do hybrid public hearings with it being in-person with an option to join virtually
- The commission also discussed which venues they thought would be the best spots to hold public hearings
- The possibility of doing smaller group public meetings covering the different districts to better engage the public

Website

- Patricia mentioned the website was behind and that a prototype should be done early in the week and there was going to be another meeting on March 23rd 12pm to hopefully move it along

Public Relations

- Topic was broached about potentially getting professional PR help