

MAJORITY MINORITY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

May 7, 2022

In Attendance

Commissioners	Interns	Vendors
Campbell, Marie Allen, Chair-P	McCarthy, Justine-A	Mathur, Priti (ARCBridge)-P
Bulluck, Dona-P	Ramdani, Nassim-P	Mathur, Sam (ARCBridge)-P
Graves, Constance-P		Wice, Prof. Jeffrey (Legal Counsel)-P
Kissee, Adrienne-P		Zanfardino, Marissa (Assistant to Prof. Wice)- P
Mauldin, Larry-P		
Mazza, Dominic-P		
Owens-Cody, Keshana- P		

Agenda Items

I. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Campbell at 9:03am.

II. Approval of the April 16th and April 23rd Meeting Minutes

- Commissioner Bulluck moved that the minutes of the April 16, 2022 and April 23, 2022 meetings be approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Graves. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Legal Discussion/Update

- Professor Wice is working with Dr. Hanley to analyze the past election data that was submitted. Preliminarily, it appears that the Black vote is strong and cohesive, the Hispanic vote is weaker but the neighborhoods are contiguous, and that the Asian vote is not as cohesive as the Black and Hispanic vote.

IV. Mapping Discussion/Update

- Ms. Mathur indicated that Lars Dahl made some interesting comments during the May 4th Public Hearing. Mr. Dahl submitted three additional maps on the County website earlier today. Once ARCBridge has access to the maps, they will review them and then discuss with the MMD. Ms. Mathur also stated that as an Albany County resident, Mr. Dahl was able to provide valuable insights regarding Albany County neighborhoods.
- Commissioner Mauldin asked if there was a deadline beyond which we would no longer accept maps? Commissioner Campbell responded by stating that she had told the Altamont Enterprise until the end of May, at a minimum.
- Professor Wice stated that he would like to have a conversation to discuss the final map with Commissioner Campbell, Dr. Hanley, and Priti and Sam Mathur (ARCBridge).
- Commissioner Mauldin updated the committee on the ACRC mapping meeting that he and Commissioners Graves and Kissee attended on May 5, 2022. The ACRC prepared a map representing all 39 Albany County Districts. He indicated that in creating the map, the ACRC worked around the MMDs that were created in our draft map.
- Commissioner Graves also shared that during the ACRC mapping meeting, Commissioner Clingan stated that he was impressed that there was representation from the MMD subcommittee at every ACRC meeting. Commissioner Clingan also shared that there was some thought that that would not be the case, but was very impressed with manner in which the MMD has engaged with the ACRC. Commissioner Clingan also stated that he was pleased with how well the two committees have worked together.

Action Items: Commissioners Campbell, Bulluck, Kissee, and Owens-Cody will attend the ACRC’s mapping meeting on May 8, 2022 at 8:00pm.

V. Discussion Public Hearings & Community Engagement Forums

- Commissioner Campbell initiated discussion about the MMD’s Public Hearing held on May 4, 2022. She shared that she felt that it went well and that she appreciated the comments provided by Lars Dahl. She also stated that we will continue our community outreach efforts.
- Commissioner Owens-Cody hopes to prepare a clip of Ms. Mathur’s mapping comments from the May 4th Public Hearing for use during our Community Engagement Forums. She also shared that we had 29 viewers who watched the May 4th Public Hearing on YouTube.
- Commissioner Owens-Cody shared a list of dates for the Community Engagement Forums, currently set to begin on April 30th and run through May 26th.
- **Action Items**
 - Commissioners Campbell and Graves are leafletting today around Howe Library in advance of our Community Engagement Forum on Monday, May 9, 2022 and possibly at the Tulip Festival as well, if we receive a response to our inquiries.
 - Commissioners should sign up on Sign Up Genius to attend the four Community Engagement Forums scheduled next week: May 9, 2022 at Howe Library, May 10, 2022 at Delaware Avenue Library, May 11, 2022 at Green Tech Charter High School, and May 12, 2022 at Macedonia Baptist Church.

VI. Review Open Action Items

Action Items

VII. Review Work Plan/Commissioners Report Out

N/A

Action Items:

- Weekly mapping meeting with ARCBridge are being scheduled; May 11, 2022 at 7:30pm, after the Community Engagement Forum at Green Tech Charter High School.

IX. New Business

N/A

X. Meeting Adjourned

- Commissioner Graves moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mauldin. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting at 10:11am.