

NORMAN REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES

September 17, 2015

The Reapportionment Commission of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma met in Annual Session in Conference Room D of Building A of the Norman Municipal Complex at 201 West Gray Street on Thursday, September 17, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Norman Municipal Building, 201 West Gray at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting and at <http://www.normanok.gov/content/board-agendas>.

Item No. 1, being:

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair David Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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Item No. 2, being:

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Morgan, At Large
Isaac O'Bannon, Ward 2
Jonathan Leavey, Ward 3
Lea Greenleaf, Ward 4
Ted Metscher, Ward 5
Chadwick Cox, Ward 6
Karl Jahnke, Ward 8

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cheryl Clayton, Ward 7

The Ward 1 position is vacant at this time. A quorum was present.

STAFF PRESENT

Joyce Green, GIS Services Manager
Roné Tromble, Administrative Technician

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Item No. 3, being:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Vice Chairman Morgan asked for nominations for the position of Chair.

David Morgan nominated Cheryl Clayton for election to the position of Chair. There were no further nominations. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Vice Chairman Morgan asked for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman.

Isaac O'Bannon nominated Lea Greenleaf for election to the position of Vice-Chairman. There were no further nominations. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Vice Chairman Morgan asked for nominations for the position of Secretary.

Ted Metscher nominated Chadwick Cox for election to the position of Secretary. There were no further nominations. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Vice Chairman Morgan turned the meeting over to newly elected Vice Chair Greenleaf.

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Item No. 4, being:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 14, 2014 MEETING, THE JULY 13, 2015 MEETING, AND THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 MEETING

Jonathan Leavey moved to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2014 meeting, the July 13, 2015 meeting, and the September 1, 2015 meeting, as submitted. Ted Metscher seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion to approve the minutes, as submitted, was adopted by unanimous vote.

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Item No. 5, being:

DISCUSSION OF ANNUAL POPULATION FIGURES AND THEIR EFFECT ON THE CITY'S WARD SYSTEM.

ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

1. Staff Memo
2. Statistics for 2013 Reapportionment Commission Review of City Council Wards
3. City of Norman Council Wards map

DISCUSSION BY THE COMMISSION

Vice Chairman Greenleaf said he doesn't see anything totally out of line. Ward 6 is a little bit over, but is closer than what it has been previously.

Mr. O'Bannon asked what percentage we try to maintain. Vice Chairman Greenleaf responded that, historically, we have tried to stay at 7%. Ms. Green commented that if it is getting close to census time, it could be as high as 20%. Mr. Leavey said he thought the last time a recommendation to Council for a change it was about 19%, but that has been a few years. Ms. Green explained that typically the first year after census it is 10% or under, and it varies a little bit as time passes. Hopefully one of the other wards will grow faster next year and make the numbers more in line.

Vice Chairman Greenleaf asked if there have been apartment complexes or something that changed Ward 8. Ms. Green indicated that the increase in Ward 8 was probably due to The Icon apartments on 36th Avenue N.W. north of Indian Hills Road.

Mr. Leavey noted that there are additional apartment complexes under development in the northwest part of Norman at Tecumseh and Rock Creek.

David Morgan moved that the Reapportionment Commission recommend to the City Council that no changes be made to the Ward boundaries. Chadwick Cox seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was adopted by a unanimous vote.

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Item No. 6, being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

There was discussion of the meeting for next year, which is set by the Charter as the second Monday in July at 7:30 p.m.

Vice Chairman Greenleaf commented that he does not foresee the Charter being changed. The committee met and made recommendations, but he hasn't seen any Council members jumping on that bandwagon. Ms. Green noted that it would take a vote of the people to amend the Charter.

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Item No. 7, being:

ADJOURNMENT

David Morgan moved to adjourn. Isaac O'Bannon seconded the motion. There being no further discussion and no objection, the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Passed and approved this _____ day of July, 20____.

Norman Reapportionment Commission