

**MINUTES OF THE  
WHITE BEAR LAKE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
MARCH 7, 2022**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

In accordance with published notice, a meeting of the White Bear Lake Redistricting Commission was called to order by Chairman Geck at 7:02 p.m. in White Bear Lake City Hall Council Chambers.

At roll call, the following members were present: Mike Amundsen, James Patrick Barone, Scott Bill, Heidi Schmidt Boyd, Scott Costello, Tim Geck, Dale Grambush, Dillon Lang and Darryl LeMire. Marc Aune, James Berry and Mark Sather were excused. A quorum was declared.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

It was moved by Member **Barone**, seconded by Member **Bill**, to approve the agenda as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

**3. REDISTRICTING PRESENTATION**

Chair Geck first read aloud a letter dated February 22, 2022, from the Redistricting Commission which provided background and formally presented the Tentative Redistricting Plan map and written description to the City Clerk. He covered key points related to the redistricting process, displayed a map of the proposed changes to wards and for informational purposes, displayed the same maps showing voter age and BIPOC populations.

Due to changes in state legislative boundaries, Ward 3 no longer requires two precincts, otherwise its boundaries are proposed to remain unchanged. In order to balance ward populations as nearly as possible, two slight modifications to boundaries are proposed in which the Boatworks Commons apartment complex would shift from Ward 2 into Ward 1, and two city blocks are proposed to shift from Ward 5 into Ward 4.

The Redistricting Plan consists of a modified written description of five ward boundaries and accompanying map depiction.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TENTATIVE REDISTRICTING PLAN**

Chair Geck opened the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

Dan Jones of 2181 Cedar Avenue thanked the Commission for their service. He felt that knowing the percentage of BIPOC population within each Ward was important.

There being no other public comment, Chair Geck closed the public hearing at 7:21 p.m.

**5. ADOPT THE REDISTRICTING PLAN**

Chair Geck asked if there for additional discussion relative to the Redistricting Plan. Mike Amundsen pointed out that while the slides for the presentation were correct, the letter from the Commission dated February 22, 2022 needed correction to the percentages noted in the last paragraph under City Redistricting, which should read as follows: "This Tentative Plan (Attachment 4) establishes five districts with a deviation from the 4,977 average ranging from 36 (0.7%) less than to 14 (0.3%) greater."

There being no further discussion, it was moved by **Member Bill**, seconded by **Member Lang** to adopt the redistricting plan as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, it was moved by **Member LeMire**, seconded by **Member Schmidt Boyd**, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

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Tim Geck, Chair

ATTEST:

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Mark Sather, Secretary