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# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## *Reapportionment Committee Meeting Summary*

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May 16, 2011

Borough Administration Building, Soldotna

### **CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Reapportionment Committee was held on May 16, 2011, in the Frances Brymer Conference Room, Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska. Chair Glick called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

#### **There were present:**

Betty Glick, Chair	Linda Murphy
Joe Arness (Alternate)	Bill Smith
Ruby Denison	Gary Superman
Rick Kock	Bryan Zak (via teleconference)

#### **Absent:**

Norm Blakeley  
Lynn Hohl

#### **Also in attendance were:**

Colette Thompson, Borough Attorney  
Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk  
Bill Holloway, Borough GIS Manager  
Chris Clough, Sr. GIS Technician  
Shellie Saner, Deputy Borough Clerk

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

### **OVERVIEW OF THE 2001 REAPPORTIONMENT PROCESS**

Chair Glick, who was Co-Chair of the 2001 Reapportionment Committee, gave a review of the reapportionment process. She also outlined the responsibilities of the Committee and reported on the procedures taken in 2001.

### **OVERVIEW OF THE 2011 PROCESS AND TIME LINE**

Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk, gave a review of the 2011 reapportionment process and explained the time line which applied to the committee activities.

### **LEGAL OVERVIEW**

Colette Thompson, Borough Attorney, reviewed the State of Alaska Statutory Requirements, and Kenai Peninsula Borough Code of Ordinances applicable to the reapportionment process. She clarified the Open Meetings Act did apply to the Reapportionment Committee.

## **GIS OVERVIEW**

Bill Holloway, Borough GIS Manager gave an overview of the GIS Departments role in the reapportionment process. He stated that the department had recently purchase ArcGIS Extension Software for Redistricting, which would be beneficial in the mapping portion of the process.

## **REAPPORTIONMENT STRATEGIC PLAN**

Chair Glick said it was the responsibility of the Reapportionment Committee to recommend one or more reapportionment plans to the Assembly.

Mr. Superman requested three map configurations which showed boundaries for districts represented by nine, eleven, and thirteen members.

Mr. Arness said the current configuration of nine districts seemed to work for the Assembly and School Board, he said it was logical to recommend the current configuration again.

Mr. Smith said there was more than one way to draw a nine member district map, and requested that the GIS department provide more than one version for each district requested by Mr. Superman.

Mr. Koch and Chair Glick both indicated they had received suggestions for three districts, with each district having three members.

Mr. Smith said he found the three districts with three members per district unacceptable for the purpose of equal representation.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Arness said an eleven percent growth throughout the borough did not necessarily indicate a needed change in the way business was done.

Mr. Smith agreed with Mr. Arness and was looking forward to seeing the new numbers and how they would change the boundaries of each district.

Mr. Koch said he was looking forward to working on the committee.

Ms. Denison stated she liked the current nine districts configuration.

Mr. Zak said he would be open to hearing additional ideas on district configurations.

## **SETTING MEETINGS & PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE**

The next meetings of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Reapportionment Committee were schedule for May 19, 2011 and June 2, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in the Borough Administration Building, Frances Brymer Conference Room, Soldotna, Alaska.

The public hearings of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Reapportionment Committee were scheduled as follows:

1. Kenai Nikiski (North Peninsula), Monday, June 13, 2011, Kenai Senior Citizens Center
2. Soldotna/Sterling (Central Peninsula), Tuesday, June 14, 2011, Borough Administration Building
3. Seward (East Peninsula), Wednesday, June 15, 2011, Seward City Hall
4. Homer (South Peninsula), Thursday, June 16, 2011, Homer City Hall

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the committee, Chair Glick adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

I certify the above represents accurate minutes of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Reapportionment meeting of May 16, 2011.

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Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk

Approved by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_