
Kenai Peninsula Borough

Reapportionment Committee Public Hearing Summary

June 16, 2011

Best Western Bidarka Inn, Homer

CALL TO ORDER

A public hearing was held at the Best Western Bidarka Inn, Homer, Alaska on June 16, 2011, to hear comments from interested persons regarding the Kenai Peninsula Borough and Kenai Peninsula Borough School Board Reapportionment. Chair Glick called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

ROLL CALL

There were present:

Betty Glick, Chair
Ruby Denison
Lynn Hohl
Bill Smith

Absent:

Norm Blakely
Rick Kock
Linda Murphy
Gary Superman
Bryan Zak

Also in attendance were:

Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk
Bill Holloway, GIS Manager
Shellie Saner, Deputy Borough Clerk

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED 9 MEMBER AND 11 MEMBER DISTRICT

Chair Glick presented 22 maps which showed the boundaries for the proposed 9 and 11 member districts. Additionally, she gave a brief recap of the progress of the reapportionment committee to date. She allowed additional time for all members of the public to review the proposed maps.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Hugh Littrel, 35621 North Fork Road, Anchor Point, asked for clarification regarding the malapportionment of Sterling and Seward. Chair Glick explained the process used to achieve an optimum population per district.

Mako Haggerty, PO Box 2001, Homer, asked what the optimum population per district was. Ms. Blankenship stated for the proposed 9 member district it was 6,160, and for the proposed 11 member district it was 5,036.

Debbie Brown, 27370 Tideland, Kasilof, suggested the committee consider 3 districts with 3 members per district. Chair Glick gave a summarized history of previous districting of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Milli Martin, PO Box 2652, Homer, spoke in support of the proposed 9 member district. She was opposed to the suggested 3 districts with 3 members per district.

Mako Haggert, PO Box 2001, Homer, spoke in support of the proposed 9 member district and stated it was mostly due to the additional costs for the proposed 11 member district.

Debbie Brown, 27370 Tideland, Kasilof, further explained her position regarding 3 districts with 3 members per district, stating she felt it would alleviate some concerns with city populations having more representation than the population living outside of the city.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the committee, Chair Glick adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

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

Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk

Approved by Committee: _____