

REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Brevard County Government Center
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Viera, Florida 32940
Building C, Florida Room

A. Call to Order

- a. Steve Crisafulli, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.

B. Roll Call – Teresa Rivera, Administrative Assistant to Assistant County Manager, Jim Liesenfelt

- a. Present – 14 members
- b. District 1 – Robin Fisher, Robert Jordan, Kendall Moore
- c. District 2 – Josiah Gattle, Susan Hodgers, John Weiler
- d. District 3 – James Minus, Yvonne Minus, Alberta Wilson
- e. District 4 – Todd Pokrywa, Sue Schmitt, Pat Woodard
- f. District 5 – Steve Crisafulli, David Workman
- g. Absent – Jason Steele, Teresa Rivera: He is supposed to be calling in by phone however, he is out of the country and may not be able to connect
- h. Staff Present – Jim Liesenfelt, Assistant County Manager, Abby Jorandby, Assistant County Attorney, Tad Calkins, Director of Planning and Development, Teresa Rivera, Assistant to Assistant County Manager, James Shives, GIS Analyst, IT Department

Teresa Rivera: Thank you, Todd. Can you pronounce your name for us?

Todd Pokrywa: Pokreeva.

Teresa Rivera: We have a quorum and everyone is present and accounted for except for Mr. Steele.

C. Approval of Minutes, March 16, 2021

Steve Crisafulli: Alright, we do have a quorum. At this time, I'll ask for approval of minutes from the March 16th meeting,

Robert Jordan: So moved.

Yvonne Minus: Second.

Steve Crisafulli: We have a second, all in favor.

All: Aye.

Steve Crisafulli: Show those minutes approved at this time. Also, members, if you would you notice there is a green light in front of you, let's keep those on so it keeps everybody live so with that, Jim, who's going to do the presentation, are you going to do it or Abby?

D. GIS Software Demo –

Jim Liesenfelt: We're going to have James here do it from the IT Department. Come on up James.

Steve Crisafulli: James, you are on.

Jim Liesenfelt: James will lead you through the software we have available for redistricting to give you an idea of how it works.

James Shives: Hello everybody, like Jim said, I'm from the IT Department and we are just going to go over a little outline of how the redistricting software works and kind of go over some of the functionality behind it. Some of you might be asking what is the redistricting online software. It is a web-based application that allows you to create, design, edit, publish, review, and compare district plans based on census, statistics and geographical data. This is just a definition of some of the geographic census data we'll be working with. A few things to take note, the census blocks are the smallest units we will be able to edit in the software, the census block groups are roughly around 700 residents per group and the census tract is roughly around 4000 residents. A lot of this will be pretty straight forward. We will break the presentation out into outline stuff then a live demo, and then open it up to questions after that. There are four main components to the software. There is a software ribbon which is kind of like the main control, a map viewer which allows us to view the census data and district boundaries, there's an information sidebar that just displays additional information that ties directly with the map viewer, and there's an attribute table which allows you to view the demographic census data based on the settings you choose to view.

This is just a screen shot of the map viewer. This is where all the magic happens so when we do our editing on the district boundaries, this is primarily the viewer we are going to use. This is the information sidebar, it's combined of four tabs. There is a table of contents that allows us to view and turn off all the data we input into the software. We also have a search tab where we can search for (inaudible comments) ESRI data online that we can also bring into the software. We have a map legend and then an identified tab which allows us to view demographic data based on a selection and also allows you to search for preset places like Melbourne or Merritt Island, or that sort of thing. This is an example of the attribute table. A few things to take in note here is all of these demographic settings are directly tied into kind of our demographic settings button but we can view by sum or percentage depending on the need. One thing to also note in this attribute window, they have a lock toggle feature so say we are editing District 1 and you made all the edits you want and we don't want to make any more edits during that meeting, we can lock that district down so it doesn't get edited throughout the course of the meeting accidently. Another thing to keep in mind here if you notice this ideal field,

one of our goals in redistricting is to balance out the districts by total population, this ideal number will be the if we try to balance out to the single person this would be the ideal number we want target number we want to shoot for. I guess I can go to the next slide. This is the software ribbon, this is just a file tab nothing too exciting here. Basically, just save, open, very similar to a lot of software like Word or Excel I'm sure everybody used in the past. This view tab allows you to customize and toggle some of the views within the map viewer. There are a few editing functions, I'll briefly go over, it allows to swap Districts. Say you edit District 1 and want to name it District 2 instead of going through a lot of manual edits you can just swap those in and out with one simple button. Say we have two districts we want to combine we can do that with this join district button. There is some editing tools on this ribbon but mostly used for customizing the data in the viewer. The next tab this is where we probably using the most. The create tab. There is a lot of functionality on this tab. We have our demographics button which is the settings that tie directly to the attribute table. We have a lot of the selection tools in the redistricting panel and typical pan and zoom and have a scale bar that goes into more detail about that and also touch on that a little bit in the live demo. A little bit later. There is also a themes tool which we have another slide on that goes in further detail and then we have a add contents that allow us to add other GIS data we can use as reference when we do our redistricting edits. So, like I mentioned previously, this is the scale bar. This yellow indicator directly ties into the zoom level of the map viewer and then these purple indicators just provide the breaks in which geographic census data you are viewing at the time. So, as an example, the picture on your left you can see the indicator is in the block segments so this is the census block levels which are the smallest units available in the software and then you can see as we zoom out past the first purple indicator we are in the block group level and these are the roughly 700 residents per census data geographical area. And like I said, if you guys have any questions, we can kind of go more into it in the live demo. This is the themes tool. This can be pretty handy if you want to see specific geographic information at the census block level. What this allows you to do is say we want to see the number of just using the example non-Hispanic whites might be a little hard to see but there are numbers there that tell you the total population for that particular census block and then the legend bar here kind of breaks that up further. You can actually use two labels so say you want to see the non-Hispanic whites against the total you can click on the second label button and you would also see that. Like I said, we can go a little more in depth in the live demo in case I'm going too fast or that sort of thing.

The next is the review tab. This allows you to create plan and District charts and graphs. It also has the data integrity checks, which are just built in the software that allows you to kind of make sure you are assigning all the particular cell blocks in the County. It will shoot up an error if you don't have those all assigned and also there is a check that for like connectivity and multi parts so just allows you to kind of just check the spatial integrity of any plan you create. It also has reports which we'll get to a little later and it also there is a functionality to compare 2 plans. If we have a plan from one redistricting committee meeting and want to compare to another this tool will allow us to do that. This is a list of the built-in data integrity checks. I won't spend too much time on this. As an example, they have a dual assignment check. It is to make sure you are not assigning a particular

spacial area to two Districts. The null assignment is pretty self-explanatory. Just make sure there are no unassigned geographies and the connectivity is the one I mentioned previously having multi-part Districts so say you had a large District 1 but also accidently assigned a certain geographical area as well this check allows you to catch that. This is a list of all the reports. I won't bore you with that. I'll run some as an example later on but feel free to check these. There are a few pretty neat ones. The assigned District splits actually allow you to see the demographic data based on like the - I believe like the voting VTD's, I believe it's like the voting precinct geographic areas, so but we can provide examples of this based on requests whenever. The next is a share tab. This just allows you to attach additional files and comments to a particular plan and it also allows us to export any plan into geographical data that we can then share with like our GIS online or hard copy maps or that sort of thing. I guess I can go into the live demo unless anybody has any questions.

Robert Jordan: I have one, yes sir, so are we going to have access to this individually or how does?

James Shives: No, you have to have a license for the software. We can share the plans several different ways and go into what makes sense for everybody but individually you wouldn't be able to edit it. We have a few ideas how to share it to make it as user friendly as possible.

Robert Jordan: So we can only use it with you? We only can do it here?

James Shives: Yes, I do have a way to where you can use it online. We can send a similar application to create bookmarks and draw your own shape files and then email that to me if you want a particular area to be reviewed directly in the meeting or I can create a plan off the bookmarks and share them with you. No problem.

Alberta Wilson: You mentioned that you do have several ideas.

James Shives: Yes.

Alberta Wilson: To suggest to

James Shives: As far as sharing the plan?

Alberta Wilson: Uh-huh.

Alberta Wilson: Can you share that with us now?

James Shives: Yes, I can.

Alberta Wilson: Some of them anyway, thank you.

James Shives: No problem. This is a web application that I put together just as a test with the existing districts. This is just an initial kind of brainstorming in case you wanted to be able to send me geographical areas that you wanted to take a look at or prioritize that we can add into the software later. I guess I can zoom down into here. Let's say we wanted to bookmark this particular area to bring it up as a in the software to review first thing in the next meeting. What you could do is draw a polygon and select it, and then that we would be able to allow you to export this into a shape file which I can turn into geographic data and import into the redistricting software. I know it's not ideal, but this is one option we've come up with so far.

Jim Liesenfelt: If I can interrupt Mr. Chair. James is right, it is up to the committee how you want to do it but there will be ways sure we can set it up on the web page after a meeting you want to post-you come up with an idea and you want to take a look at it for a few days we will post on the web page so you can take a look at individual plans. It is how you all want to decide us putting out for everybody else to see. But there are a few different ways. You won't be able to edit it because there is limited license but it is out there to take a look at.

Alberta Wilson: Okay. Because he alluded to that by the way.

Jim Liesenfelt: Yeah, the IT folks and we got some of the IT folks here that have different ways depending how you want to do it, sure they will be able to work the software so that way you can see ideas and plans outside the meeting.

Alberta Wilson: Ok.

Steve Crisafulli: Sue

Sue Schmitt: Yes, first of all I apologize for coughing. I don't have covid, I had two shots. (laughter) But I was just wondering when you are doing this do showing District 1, and you are showing the out parcel or out part there and I assume that is Cocoa.

James Shives: Yes, I believe so.

Sue Schmitt: A lot of people would not necessarily know where that is. Unless they happen to be familiar with that particular District. It would be very helpful if you could show the exact street if it goes over to Fiske Boulevard and it ends on the west side of Fiske Boulevard say we, that we know where that is.

James Shives: We have different GIS layers we can add into this web application.

Jim Liesenfelt: Sorry for interrupting again. James will show you in the demo where you can see the streets and blocks as you drill down he will be able to show all that information.

Sue Schmitt: Wondering when you are anticipating getting the new numbers now?

Jim Liesenfelt: When the Census Bureau had their big press release, press conference for the congressional apportionment, they still said September is their target date.

Steve Crisafulli: It is the end of September as of right now.

Sue Schmitt: I didn't know if that changed.

Jim Liesenfelt: I have not seen anything that changed that.

Sue Schmitt: Thank you.

Steve Crisafulli: Any further questions before we move on? Yes, sir?

Josiah Gattle: Mr. Chairman, would there be access to this if we came into a specific facility to work with the software would there be a computer with the software available to us?

James Shives: Yeah. My primary tasking is to focus on redistricting so you are more than welcome to come to my desk, make an appointment any time to create plans, play with the software, have questions, I'm always available.

Abby Jorandby: Mr. Chair, just to remind we do need to be concerned about Sunshine so it is individuals one on one if you want to work on the software. We don't want to discuss or provide each other comments outside a meeting.

Steve Crisafulli: Yes. Further questions? No. You want to go move to the next step?

James Shives: Yeah. I'll just start demonstrating some of the functionality. I was going to briefly demo how we would edit some of the Districts in live time. Say we wanted to add this neighborhood from District 1 to District 2, we would just grab it using this selection-sorry. And then we can view the proposed changes. One of the nice things about this attribute table it will actually show you the differences and the changes per demographic setting that you are proposing to do by these selections and then you can just assign it. I accidentally unassigned them, sorry. Let's just redo that. So, now these are all in District 2. The next thing I wanted to go over is how to compare plans. So, let me open up-I set up a compare plan. Open. Let's just use this one. So, this is if we wanted to compare 2 plans and zoom in. This is basically these cross-stitch patterns tell you the areas between the two plans that are different. Also, in this comparison table it will actually show you the demographic data that changes based on the differences between the two plans as well. I guess I can go-does anybody have any questions on this while I'm here I guess?

(David Workman left the room)

Robin Fisher: The data that's in here, was that data from the 2010 census?

James Shives: Yes, I should have mentioned that earlier. What you're seeing right now is our existing districts based on the 2010 census data. Yes Sir.

John Weiler: So, when we start working with the software and mentioned it at the last meeting, can we put in a dummy number for the census assuming based on the best information we have from other sources over the last year so we have a good basis to start from? My guess would be if we do that, that we probably wouldn't be any different then maybe by 15 or 20 thousand when the final census numbers comes out but this allows us to have something closer to reality to work with instead of the 10-year-old data?

James Shives: Yeah, unfortunately the census data is built into the software and until it is updated we don't necessarily have a way to add those numbers in there. We can add-we actually just recently got some estimates from 2018 data but if you look at the margin of error in some of those it is not super reliable data and we would only be able to add it to the software as a reference layer. We would lose all the functionality of the software.

(David Workman returned to the room)

Steve Crisafulli: Jim, do you want to add to that?

Jim Liesenfelt: Mr. Weiler, I was going to show after James was done, show a slide not through this software but we did some research, the American Community Survey, I think the data I have is 2019, they have 2018 in this software. I was going to show a census tract but it is 16,000 people in the census tract and the data error is plus or minus 1600 so that one was an 8 percent and I've seen some 5 percents. Maybe the county population there may not be as bad but when you start drilling down you get the little margin of error. I'll show you when James is done, I pulled up just a couple little informations on that.

Steve Crisafulli: Ok, go ahead James.

James Shives: Ok, the next thing I wanted to kind of demonstrate I guess is the themes button. We touched on a little in the presentation. Let me scroll to an appropriate area. This just allows us to drill down in the demographic data based on a particular setting. It is a little hard to see. Let me move some of this stuff out of here. So, the nice thing is all the streets we can add different base maps if we want to go by imagery but I believe the street view will be handy for keeping the reference on where we are at. As you can see here, this is just a breakdown of the non-Hispanic whites in this particular area in case you wanted to use this for editing the Districts down to the block level. Is there any questions with this? It is pretty straight forward I think. (inaudible comments)

Robert Jordan: Let me ask you something because I guess the concern there Mr. Chairman is the fact that you really don't have good data number one, and number two, I tend to like to want to play with things and you're telling me I can't play with anything unless I come in your office. Is there a piece of software we all could have that is maybe just a viewer versus having a full version?

Steve Crisafulli: Yeah, I think does Jim, do you want to answer this one?

Jim Liesenfelt: Thanks Mr. Chair. I was going to show you at least what I found. You guys are jumping on me. There is and somebody suggested there is District Builder, it's a website. It is really designed for State and Federal, but I'll show you, I was able to play and carve out 5 Districts, it still has 2010 data, but once the 2020 data gets loaded you can actually draw Districts with it. I only went down to the census tract and I'm sure you can go down to the block group. We haven't looked enough if there's a way to where you can export and give it to James then he could load it in. You'd have to sign up on e-mail, but it's free.

Steve Crisafulli: That's what the legislature uses as well. It directs its members to that to give examples as well, so it will be lagging. It won't happen until this happens as far as the numbers go so we are going to be crunched. When the time comes we definitely will be crunched for time but we're playing the cards we are dealt. James.

James Shives: Yep. Let me clear this.

(Teresa Rivera asked the Chair to remind the members to speak into the microphones)

Steve Crisafulli: As a reminder, when you are speaking, be sure to speak into the microphones. This meeting is being recorded so we want to make sure everything is heard. (inaudible comments) No, I was just told. I am a good follower. (inaudible comments) We'll share. Share microphones where we have to. Thank you.

James Shives: The next thing I wanted to briefly demo is just some of our data integrity checks. I added in a plan here that has built-in errors, so we can just see how that works. The null assignment check will probably always go off for all the plans because we are along the coast and some of these census blocks are just water so we are never really going to assign those to a District. The connectivity check went off, and let's just zoom into there. It is telling us District 1 has 2 pieces. We have this piece here labeled District 1 and this piece right here, so this is just like a data integrity check. We accidentally or I slip up and make an error, this will catch that. Let's close that out. And then also I wanted to brief demo some of the reports. I'll do a basic one. The reports basically we can add any the field based on the demographic settings. We can customize based on pdf or Excel files. They don't take too long to run so if you have specific reports you want to customize based on particular fields we can do that. I'll run one of them and that is what they like. These reports are built in. There's not a whole lot of customization besides just deciding what demographic settings we want, but there is enough reports we should be able to get you the information you are looking for on one of them. The next thing is and then they have some built in features where we can go by plan or District for pie charts and kind of-pie charts everybody likes those, right? (laughter)

Unknown: Yes.

James Shives: I think that's the end of my demo. That's a lot of the functionality that I think would be useful to you guys during the redistricting meetings. Obviously, if you have any questions or want to take the time to stop by my desk and play around with the software, like I said, my primary tasking is this effort so I'm more than happy and available to help anybody or assist in any way.

Steve Crisafulli: Keep in mind between now and the time we get the data we are dealing with year old data.

James Shives: Right.

Steve Crisafulli: I mean it's certainly something folks can go in and play with it to understand how it works and get familiarized with it, but knowing that clearly the data there is not accurate and up to date. Josiah.

Josiah Gattle: Mr. Chairman, is there contact information listed somewhere so we can get in contact with you to arrange that appointment?

Steve Crisafulli: We'll make sure that gets out to everybody. Yeah.

James Shives: Okay.

Steve Crisafulli: Further questions?

Yvonne Minus: If we have the hours also, his hours. 9 to 5, 10 to 2?

James Shives: I'm in the office every day 8 to 5. From 8 to 5.

Steve Crisafulli: We'll be sure to send out an e-mail with his contact information and hours for sure. Further questions? If not, Jim you're up.

James Shives: Thanks everybody.

E. Presentation of GIS Data – Jim Liesenfelt

Jim Liesenfelt: Thank you Mr. Chair. I forgot to add we have Lois and Joanne here from the IT Department too. It's a group effort so we're and they're all available to make sure once the data rolls in we can work the best we can for you all.

Jim Liesenfelt: What I have done-you asked at the last meeting, what data we have available or what is out there besides. This is just, all I did was just pull up a couple slides and examples. This is American Community Survey and if you give me a second to scroll down. This is the Census Bureau keeps-some may ask questions about census and this is more data than just 10 people live here. It is 10 people live here, this is how they commute and work and where they go to school, income level and so what this is it shows

a 5 year rolling average. The last data I was able to find is 2019, so it is hard to tell on the screen but I highlighted census tract 712 which is the one we are sitting in today. The south area right here is Wickham Road and this is Port Saint John. I picked that on purpose to show you something in a second to lead on. If you-I put this in the table form. You can go on site through the Census Bureau and click through and you can pull data. What I did for 712 is pulled the data, just the social and demographic data and there it is, census 712. The estimated population in this tract for is 16,000 thousand people and the margin of error is plus or minus 1600. The census bureau that is 8 percent, 9 percent plus or minus margin of error. As you go through the data depending what they want total population you have African American population, estimating 314 in the tract but the margin of error is plus or minus 416 so on this tract it is hundred percent. The larger you go the less area you have. The smaller you go and more data you are drilling into you can have a larger error. That's what you have. IT was able to pull up information from 2018 but it would be the same base data you have I'm showing now in table format. I want to show-that is kind of the best data out there. It is all an estimate.

F. Overview of 2020 Census Tracts – Jim Liesenfelt

Jim Liesenfelt: There was-questions about redistricting software. District Builder-I came through this is somebody's blog and what it is, is a bunch of-if you want the link we can send it but it is bunch of different redistricting websites and hard to see on the screen. They talk about cost and whether it is free or not. Right in here you see District Builder and then see the different GIS similar to the software we have. If you are interested I can send you the link and you can look at it and so what I was doing and I went through District Builder myself and played around with it. This is still-I just drew-doesn't matter just started one point. I drew 5 Districts and I will be straight honest I thought 600 thousand population, so trying to draw 600,000 divided by 5 and ran out of people by the time I got to District 5 and so I did the math and that is 543 so 2010 numbers what District Builder is working off. The software is pretty intuitive. I'm zooming in. Let me click on-it worked in rehearsal. You can do it by blocks. There we go. There's all the different census blocks so you want to-draw District 2 I can't do this quite right but you can draw yourself and come up with different Districts different ways and then there is different data you can pull up depending what you want it know on the District. It even has some tests. There a couple other free but in terms of free software even I can use it so that should tell you quite a bit. It is pretty easy to use and draw and like the Chair said it is what the state uses so District builder seems to be what it is. Everything I was able to look at and play with on the list that I could get into that wasn't, cost money or real intensive registration it is all 2010 data or really meant for congressional or state. It doesn't let me drill down enough to County. District Builder is meant for state but you just pretend you have 5 representatives in Brevard County and draw it that way. That is a little bit of the data we found. The last thing I want to show is--the 2020 you really need to put on your reading glasses for this. So, these are census tracts and as James showed, there are block groups and everything and in the old days, census tract was the easiest data you can get to. Right here is 712 I showed earlier, which includes the Viera area. In the 2010 census it starts Wickham Road up to basically SR 528. If you look the Census Bureau

has divided up so you have--pointing on the screen. You have Viera divided up right here. You have another chunk of Viera. If you are familiar with the Satellite Boulevard and West Canaveral Groves (inaudible comments) it is off the entire 712 census tract but what you will be doing when you draw Districts is all this data is divided up between the smaller tracts. While the data is estimate, it is on a larger picture not the smaller picture so between the margin of error you have trouble with that and think you have trouble is that you have census tracts are bigger data and you won't be able to draw more precise ideas. That is a quick summary what we have been able to find over the last couple months digging around and going through different web sites. If you look at my web browser you think the only thing I'm worried about is redistricting. There is lot of stuff trying to drill down and trying to help you and show different things. I should add--there is 52 new census tracts drawn in Brevard County, so that's probably close to half. I think the number is 110, 120 so there is a lot of change between. Census tracts are designed based on geographic and economic units and they tend to keep it at a certain population size so there a lot of growth. There are changes divided up Mims, (inaudible comments) there is in Cocoa and Port Saint John, Melbourne and obviously Palm Bay, and the Barefoot Bay divided it up further.

Chair: Todd

Todd Pokrywa: Thank you Mr. Chairman. First, I think James and Jim have done a good job presenting to us the software capability and the data that is available which unfortunately, isn't accurate or reliable for our purpose at this time. If we are to proceed with any efforts right now we are really just spinning our wheels and wasting our time and we are at a disadvantage but we know the data will be released late September and as you said Mr. Chairman, we are going to be crunched and it is what it is, but there isn't much we can do in the interim that will be any way accurate, so I think we all just need to be prepared that we will be meeting quite frequently and it's going to be an intense effort but I make a motion we defer this effort and defer future committee meetings until such time as the census data is released.

Steve Crisafulli: Yes. And to follow up on that and I was going to make comments on that, but-

Sue Schmitt: I'll second that.

Steve Crisafulli: Yes. What we have is we have-I guess Jim second Tuesday-we have them reserved so we know have a block of space to utilize, but there is certainly nothing for us to meet on between now and-maybe the September meeting we have a better feel for when we will get that data. We can get everybody back in here to kind of gather back up refresher course where we are. Certainly, if you have the opportunity to sit with James and mess around with the program, it certainly worthwhile effort to do that so you are not trying to learn it later when that opportunity comes, but Todd to your point, we are going to be cramming but it is going to be one of those things where we have to meet a little

more frequently come September or the end of September and throughout October, we have to have this to the Commissioners first week of November?

Jim Liesenfelt: Yeah; give us enough time to advertise properly and we also need to submit to the Supervisor so they can review too-because it impacts how they do their business, so you need to allow them to have some comment period too.

Steve Crisafulli: Okay. We will be on a short clock, but we are all capable and James is certainly capable of managing us hopefully. You will have a sign in sheet. Yes, we are going to be dealing with a challenge there and we do have a motion on the floor to hold off on meeting. I would say we kind of amend that to make it to where we can look at things come September because if we do get information early, I think we may get this data in late September maybe we can see if we can find a space to meet as a committee and get started as soon as we get that but every intention to start as soon as we get the data.

Steve Crisafulli: Yes, sir.

Robin Fisher: Mr. Chairman, are we based on your research outside of the census data, is it somewhere around 6, 6 and a quarter population do you think or do you have an idea?

Jim Liesenfelt: University of Florida Business Economic (inaudible comments)

Robin Fisher: That would be accurate if it coming out of Florida. (laughter)

Jim Liesenfelt: Yeah. Actually, I got a daughter working for them I agree with you sir. Their middle projection for was 2020 was 602,000 for the County. Somewhere around there.

Robin Fisher: Mr. Chairman, so if we were to assume and they were to work off that number, and if this board could meet now and have conversations about whether or not how you want to-if 602 is the number how you want to break up Districts if you don't do anything really radical, you would probably add-I think you average 110 thousand, 108 thousand in the District now?

Jim Liesenfelt: Divided by 5,108, 109.

Robin Fisher: 108,109 you probably go to 120 so you got 12,000 thousand, so 12,000 thousand need to be picked up in District 1 probably 20,000 thousand taken out of District 4 because of Todd, and all Viera growth, but-if you take the lines where they are now and if they could-James and Jim can start playing around if this board feels we don't want to do anything really try to add to our 12,000 thousand people keeping a District whole, they can probably play with that so when we came back we already had an idea.

Steve Crisafulli: I think that is possible. As you say because of Todd, a lot of that will be here. We don't know-unless you can-can you tell where those population growths were to pick them up? That is part of-to your point, I think you can shrink in some Districts and swell in others and probably make it work. You will be guessing. Without question I think you are guessing no matter what because you don't know where the population growth was precisely.

Jim Liesenfelt: We are just here to draw at your direction.

Unknown: Thank you.

Steve Crisafulli: To your point, that is certainly something that can be done by taking the existing map putting it on there, but again we don't know where those population growths came from, so I think it is all speculation until we have the exact numbers.

David Workman: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I tell you, my opinion is it there are so many assumptions that go into that because it isn't just about population. It is a lot of work for the staff or anybody to do to just throw it out completely when the data comes in. Outside learning how to use it, guessing will end up being in my opinion a lot of wasted effort because you don't know where they are. You can't drill down. You are just redrawing data and I think the end of the day will throw it out and have to spin their wheels. Not trying to contradict you. I would never do that to you sir.

Steve Crisafulli: I think when the time comes, doing an overlay of the current map would be an easy thing for them to do based-once they get that data but don't think there is anything that can be done until that information is put into the system. Yes.

Sue Schmitt: I just think that I was on the Redistricting Committee before, which means I'm really old at this point, but I think is really spinning wheels at this time to even look. I get where you are coming from, but when we are doing something, we need the facts and I mean having been that route before and some folks wanted things that were not facts, and it just didn't work out well for a while. I think it's everyone's benefit no matter what District it is to have the actual numbers, and maybe the Feds will be really good and let us know in August. That would be great, and I think that is what Steve was referring to that if they come in earlier hey, we can be ready. Just notify us and we can be here.

Josiah Gattle: I fully agree with Todd on the waiting to meet again but I have a couple points of information that appreciate if staff can look into especially because they have been invoked by different members of the County Commission. I know that Representative Tobia had mentioned wanting a minority majority District. If we can ask staff to look into the consequences of what that would be what the rules would be and distribute to all of us. If that is something we will be discussing in committee as well as the taxation consequences and what demographic changes might do to taxation consequences. I think we all want to have relatively even distribution of tax dollars to

various parts of the County and make sure everything stays at certain levels and not draw District that may have disproportionate lower income and where therefore lower services.

Steve Crisafulli: Sure. Why don't you phrase in two separate motions? I think those are valid things to be looking at-we need to be a motion, Abby correct me if I'm wrong.

Abby Jorandby: I would ask for a motion, yes. (inaudible comments)

Steve Crisafulli: Yeah. Yes. I would like- want to amend-we need to amend yours because we don't want to be stuck to a date certain on when we get that data. I'd like to be able to say at the call of the Chair so if Jim calls me and says in late August we have data in September, I'd like to be able to call a meeting.

Todd Pokrywa: So amended.

Steve Crisafulli: Okay. Do we have a second?

Yvonne Minus: Second.

Steve Crisafulli: All in favor?

All: Aye.

Steve Crisafulli: Alright. Show that motion passes. Now-yes, sir?

Robert Jordan: Can I use this? (referring to microphone) Just a point of order, we had a motion and Sue seconded it, so really since he just modified his motion she should just agree. Right.

Sue Schmitt: I just have to accept the motion and then we don't need another second.

Robert Jordan: You don't need another second.

Steve Crisafulli: Yes. Yes. Robert's Rules of Order. She accepts the motion. Okay. Now we are in correct posture. (inaudible comments) You need two separate. We need to do two separate motions on yours.

Josiah Gattle: So, I motion to direct staff to look into the rules and consequences of minority majority District in Brevard.

Steve Crisafulli: Okay. Do we have a second?

Susan Hodgers: I'll second.

Steve Crisafulli: You're already on. Alright, we have a second. All in favor say aye.

Robert Jordan: Can we have a discussion, please? I'm trying to understand where we are going. I understand the data thing and we should wait for the data, but if part of this committee's responsibility to come up with options as far as Districts is concerned as relates to minority majority, 5 Districts versus 6 versus 7 Districts is that where we are going?

Steve Crisafulli: Well your Charter says 5 Districts.

Robert Jordan: It is only 5 Districts?

Steve Crisafulli: It's only 5 Districts so we are working within those parameters but he is looking for information to understand and correct if I'm wrong, to understand what that means and what the legalities are of that because he says one of the Commissioners talked about that so he is looking for information to for that purpose.

Josiah Gattle: Yes, Mr. Chairman. At a previous County Commission meeting, Mr. Tobia went on for a few minutes about his desire to create a majority minority District. My understanding is that there are certain special rules from what I looked at and I would just like an understanding of what the rules would be if we chose to go down that path so that if any members of this committee wanted to propose something like that we have a understanding of the rules before we began the discussion and we were not crunched for time doing both drawing the Districts and trying to understand the rules.

Steve Crisafulli: Understood. Yes.

Sue Schmitt: Would you please include in that, that you have the attorneys review of that because it was always my understanding you couldn't do certain things based on sex and whether someone is minority or—that there are certain laws and rules on this particular—on redistricting, that you can't—doesn't mean you can't fit it in, and however you want to fit it in, but.

Steve Crisafulli: Well that was part of our review at the initial meeting and I think Abby can certainly brush us up on that, but I think what he is asking for is something completely different. I don't think we can, and Abby correct me if I'm wrong, if it is for the betterment of the committee if things like this are done in a motion versus him coming to you and asking that question. Is that preferred?

Abby Jorandby: Absolutely, I would prefer to have a motion from the committee directing myself and staff to research and I can put into memo form to answer the questions back instead of having individual questions after the meeting. I'm here to help but I want to make sure the committee agrees with what I'm actually spending the time to do. That's fine, perfect.

Steve Crisafulli: Mr. Fisher

Robin Fisher: Mr. Chairman, so what I was trying to say, I agree with Todd's motion earlier, but also from a time saving standpoint, unless we're going to make some type of huge change like Commissioner Tobia is asking for, then I really do believe that you could add ten thousand to everything and come up with a decent line. If this committee desire is to shake up the whole thing and have a-one drawing I saw total left side of the whole County, then we ought to probably decide before we get to September whether that is the desire of this board is to really shake up the way redistricting has been done for a hundred years. I think it was probably done similar to like it has been done because the previous redistricting people have been on the board and have looked at a lot of issues that we are going to be looking at and already decided the way it is drawn out is pretty fair and equal and all that good stuff.

Steve Crisafulli: The beauty of having water on one side of you makes it pretty easy. Certainly. I think that is the purview of this committee and that's a discussion that can certainly be had but I think until we know where those growth- the population growth took place it's going to be really hard to move-I think we can speculate for this District where to move certain lines, but that's-it is a dart at a dart board to some extent, but I think to your point, if that is the pleasure of this committee, when we get that data plugging in to the current overlay of the Districts and seeing where it is and then moving lines quickly in that fashion won't be hard to do at that point in time. I just don't know how we can possibly do it with any sense of accuracy until that time comes about. But that-that's a discussion for this board to have and understand, but certainly I don't know how we can do it unless somebody can tell me differently how we can do that with any certainty until we have that data. I know we are talking about a motion that he has on the floor right now. Is there anybody else that has a question or comment on the motion that has been put on the floor? Yes?

Susan Hodgers: Thank you Mr. Chair. I'd like to kind of expand upon Mr. Gattle's comment about the majority minority District. I believe it was the March 9th meeting the County Commission that Commissioner Tobia proposed that topic, so I think as Sue said earlier, that we want to be ready and we want to try to get as much information as possible about that. It was a pretty big discussion and details and it sounds great, but I think in other counties and other places I've lived that when people propose it the majority minority sounds great, but in fact it actually back-fires because you have the minority party or race is localized to just one area so they are actually the lone person on the board so think that is what—I think you mean.

Steve Crisafulli: Go ahead.

Josiah Gattle: Yes. And not sure where we are but I am amenable to adding attorneys to the staff instruction that Sue mentioned. My understanding is that Mr. Tobia has asked for this and I would like to respect that ask for an exploration of this and just understand what rules would be invoked and how we would go about this, so that we are not waiting until September and then also researching a complete redo of maps instead of moving

simple lines that would be involved with a potential minority majority District and what the rules would be on this if we chose to pursue it.

Steve Crisafulli: So you are looking for basically a legal reading of what it means for this.

Josiah Gattle: To understand what it would mean for us and what rules would apply.

Susan Hodgers: Mr. Chair, I think he wants to be fair as it was drawn it would just take a certain demographic of people put them in one District and that wouldn't be fair and they would be the lone vote on the for example the County Commission.

David Workman: Mr. Chairman. I actually don't think that is what the motion says at all. I thought what we are saying is there is a County Commissioner said this and we all want to know what the rules are so that we don't screw up when it comes out. What are the rules so when we draw a minority majority District we can't do that because these are the rules or we can do that? Not trying to do it or not do it. I wasn't under the assumption there was a pre-thought other than I because you brought it up you want to know the rules pertain to that, right?

Josiah Gattle: Yes, Mr. Workman. My understanding is there's certain variances that are allowed that you would be additional to the I believe general 3 percent variance across Districts that are allowed. There are certain requirements as far as we state certain amounts of intent for specific purpose. It can't be considered packing or cracking. There is additional requirements I just want to kind of understand those as a body that if we were to go about this, what would the necessary consequences be to accomplish this so everyone can be on the same page and have the same information.

Alberta Wilson: That makes good sense to me. Because why go through all of this process and only to find out that it isn't legal? Whatever that might be. So, I think we would need to get some legal clarification. I should say. What exactly the law says. We must and must not do.

Steve Crisafulli: Mr. Jordan.

Robert Jordan: I think you said Mr. Chairman it is 5 Districts, right? So based on that.

Steve Crisafulli: By the Charter it is 5 Districts.

Robert Jordan: We can only have 5 Districts so if we were to come up hypothetically with a different District minority majority if you will, then one of the Districts would have to go away. You just have to stick with 5.

Steve Crisafulli: Correct.

Robert Jordan: Okay.

Steve Crisafulli: He's looking my understanding and clarity of Mr. Workman, he's looking for the legal reading of what that means. Is it a conversation to even be had if it isn't legal? And that is-it is not we are doing it, it isn't we are not doing it, it is a legal reading of what it means, correct?

Josiah Gattle: Yes, especially with the shortened timeframe we will be working with that as we go into the short timeframe with the data we can know what the rules are as they exist and be able to make decisions based on that information.

Kendall Moore: A follow up to Mrs. Wilson's comment. In pure fairness to staff, I am okay with the legal scenario. Want to be very clear that we are not asking staff to opine on the Commissioner's recommendation. We are not asking staff opinion relative to that scenario. I think that is putting them in an unfair scenario. The decisions belong to the body sitting around this table so the technical parameters, perfectly fine with that scenario and just want to make sure that we are very clear what we ask. I can probably see Abby's stomach hurting over there a little bit as she tries to ascertain what this question is as she pens a memo on a fairly controversial subject on behalf of a request made by one of her bosses. In fairness to them just want to make sure we are extremely clear about the limitations of what we are asking.

Steve Crisafulli: Purely a legal reading, absolutely.

Sue Schmitt: Mr. Chairman, that is why I asked for that when Josiah was discussing it I just think that has to come first.

Steve Crisafulli: Yes.

Josiah Gattle: Mr. Chairman, I'm amenable to both Mrs. Schmitt and Mr. Moore's comments. I'm purely wanting the legal reading.

Steve Crisafulli: Further comments? Abby do you have a clear understanding of what your charge is? If we should move this forward.

Abby Jorandby: Just to make sure, I have that I will look into and just address the legal consequences, if any, of this proposal of a minority majority District and just the legal ramifications any consequences if there are rules and regulations, I can prepare a memo to that effect, yes.

Steve Crisafulli: That is correct. So that being the motion, do we have a second?

Alberta Wilson: I'll second that.

Steve Crisafulli: All in favor?

All: Aye.

Steve Crisafulli: Opposed? Show the motion carries. Now for your second motion.

Josiah Gattle: I'd like to motion that the staff and attorneys again look into the taxation consequences of what Districts would create. My understanding is there are 24 different pots of money that are taxed across the different Districts, so that we just have an understanding of what things we need to keep in mind. Another legal reading of what exists for taxation purposes.

Steve Crisafulli: Questions? Comments? Clear understanding?

Robin Fisher: Curious, do you have to draw lines to figure the taxation purpose? How do you do that? If you don't take the existing Districts.

Josiah Gattle: Mr. Chairman, my understanding is that the Districts somewhat determine where money is allowed to be spent so there are certain monies tied to the actual geographic boundaries of the District or at least, a portion of it is tied to the geographic boundaries of the District. Others are just general taxation Districts so my concern would be if we say took one District mostly agricultural or something like that that we may skew the amount of taxation in a particular District or other Districts that we would try to think about equitable distribution of tax monies across Districts so we don't have vast inequities in the District. Taxation.

Steve Crisafulli: Ms. Schmitt.

Sue Schmitt: I understand why you are asking that, but there and you are correct there are a lot of Districts but a lot of Districts were done by referendum and some of the Districts and I will give a good example, District 4 Parks and Recreation, is not where it was originally. Having been the Commissioner District 4 when I was elected the first time, the District went up and included Canaveral Grove. Today that's not the case obviously. So, you have a lot of the Districts that were voted on that you cannot just switch those Districts unless you want to put it back on referendum and say do we do away with it and move it someplace else. You have MSTU for law enforcement so that is a different story and that was done for a particular reason the cities sued the County, but at that point I don't think you can certainly get a legal opinion on that if you want, but I think you are talking about a lot of problems. A lot of issues trying to move some of those Districts around.

Steve Crisafulli: Go ahead.

Josiah Gattle: Mr. Chairman, my intention is not to try to move the Districts, it is to understand the Districts as a body. My understanding there are certain things such as flooding that flooding mitigation funds distributed by District and so for example in District 2 right now there are certain issues with large portions of Merritt Island and therefore they

may be disproportionately affected by flooding and those funds may be used faster than other Districts. My goal would be to understand which particular funds are tied to the geographic boundaries of the Districts we would draw versus those that would be unaffected such as the recreation Districts you mentioned where we have I believe 3 Districts like a central, south District and another District. So we know which we are effecting particularly in the example I can think off the top of my head of the flooding mitigation funds that we wouldn't create a District that would be all island and use up all of those funds very quickly and not address the needs they have.

Steve Crisafulli: To Mr. Fisher's points, you are basing that off of the current drawing of the Districts. Because there is no-we don't have anything in place for now.

Josiah Gattle: There are certain-my understanding is there are certain pots tied to whatever District we would draw. Regardless where District 4 ended up, there would be certain amounts of monies that would be tied to the geographic boundaries of say District 4 for example or District 2. To understand what those would be so we could look across.

Sue Schmitt: That is pretty hard to do. I will leave that up to the staff.

Abby Jorandby: So I have looked at MSTUs and I can tell you that there's a breakdown, certain MSTUs are co-terminus so if District 1 was redrawn to include different boundaries, the MSTU actually gets redrawn automatically however, there are some MSTUs that have legal descriptions so we would have to take action to effect any changes that way. I know about the MSTUs. I was just talking to Jim about if there was anything outside of MSTUs as far as tax consequences I'd have to get with the Budget Office about the pots of money because I'm not that familiar to that detail, but that would be-I would do my best to put something together. I would be concerned I would not be as comprehensive as perhaps this committee would want, but I would do as much as I could. The MSTUs I have started to look into a little bit and I do know that it depends which one it is, if it's co-terminus which you redraw or if we have an issue where it is a legal boundary.

Robin Fisher: So you have to take the current Districts though?

Abby Jorandby: Yes, that is where we start from. Absolutely.

Robin Fisher: Because you don't have any other assumptions to make from.

Abby Jorandby: Absolutely, that is data you can consider if you change District 1 or whatever District how we have to address that.

Steve Crisafulli: Yes ma'am.

Alberta Wilson: I must (inaudible comments) I must be the only person sitting here that do not know what MSTUs -please, what does that acronym mean?

Abby Jorandby: That is a municipal service taxing unit. So it's a unit that is statutory we can set up in a boundary and pick a boundary and sometimes an entire District like District 1 or actually a geographical boundary that is legal description and you provide municipal service and tax the property owners in that particular boundary for certain services like water, all sorts of different services that we provide and municipal services we provide in those particular boundaries. It does vary. You start with a concept and then have two different types. One tied to District 1 and if District 1 changes it goes with it or you have a narrower geographical boundary. It is an entity that is statutory creation you can raise revenues.

Alberta Wilson: Ok, thank you.

Abby Jorandby: Sorry about that.

David Workman: Mr. Chairman, you may know this, sometimes I just talk straight. Pussy footing around what we are asking for and helping out. I haven't thought about this at all. I didn't know this was a table of discussion. I wasn't watching that and missed the last meeting. The consequences he's looking for is if we draw a District that has a significant lower income per capita will we possibly effect how much money they have to spend on their District, so obviously, this came from the, you thought through this minority District. Do we create one District with lower income and taxable dollars come in that effect their services? And what is the consequence of that. None of that is my opinion or not suggesting one way or the other, just simply like to get it on the table. That's all is-he is asking is if we draw a District that is considerably less income will it be adversely affected based on the taxable dollars they generate for their District. Am I right?

Steve Crisafulli: Yes, Mr. Workman.

David Workman: Boom. I'm out.

Steve Crisafulli: Are you going to drop the mic? (laughter) With that—

Josiah Gattle: Would it be better if I amended my motion to understand the list of MSTUs locked into the geographical boundaries of Districts we draw?

Steve Crisafulli: I think that would be much better, useful because otherwise you are basing it off of current Districts. So yes, I think that would be useful and think that is useful for a multitude of purposes.

Josiah Gattle: So a list of MSTUs that are locked into the Districts of whatever we would draw as a committee.

Steve Crisafulli: Yes. Is there a question to that? Granted, Abby you got to decide if it is locked into a District or if it's defined by boundaries that won't change you have to break those out and define them separately, correct?

Abby Jorandby: I would. I would give you a memo showing the MSTUs that are identifiable that we have and break it down further as far as whether it moves with the District or whether-I would give you all that information so you know.

Steve Crisafulli: Okay.

Sue Schmitt: Referendum Districts (inaudible comments)

Steve Crisafulli: Yes. Okay. So, that being the motion,

Josiah Gattle: As rephrased by.

Steve Crisafulli: As rephrased by Abby, do we have a second?

Yvonne Minus: Second.

Steve Crisafulli: Vice Chair Minus was the second. All in favor?

All: Aye.

Steve Crisafulli: Opposed? Alright. Show the motion carries. Further discussion? From the committee before we go to public comment? Mr. Jordan.

Robert Jordan: The only thing I was thinking about was Josiah came up with two options or something we should think about, just wondering what else is out there we should be thinking about. It could be small as those 2 or as large as a hundred things we can look at because I'm thinking based on what he is saying-I think he was looking to make sure everything is balanced and I think I heard him say if you have 5 Districts you should have monies basically equally distributed that's not the way it works but I think that is what you were looking for and that's never gonna happen because we have industry in certain areas and not in other areas, I think we should just keep our options open. There will be other questions I think as we go along the line, but it's a good start.

Steve Crisafulli: Absolutely.

David Workman: Based on that Mr. Chairman if I may ask, what is the process between now and the time we schedule our next meeting- if we have a brainstorm and have a question about maybe we go figure how to use this software and like can I do 4 rectangles or do triangles count. What is the process on submitting that question based on sunshine to the committee for-

Steve Crisafulli: I think Jim and Abby you let us know. Is that something that can be submitted to y'all directly that could be dispersed to the committee? I don't want to make it to where Abby is uncomfortable with us not doing motions, but obviously what he is asking for is pretty detailed information. Mr. Workman is asking for can you draw circles and squares. A little more elementary for him. (laughter) but listen, I think that is part of understanding the process of being able to draw and use the software and that sort of thing. Abby, is there a preferred way that we can do this so that we or Jim that we can do this without calling a formal meeting to do motions?

Jim Liesenfelt: If Abby grabs the mic away don't be shocked. For any general questions or anything I'm a good contact, send it me and we can get it out to the group. We blind carbon copy. Even though we remind you not to send it to everybody else. The other thing is just be careful of giving staff direction without the committee voting on that's the direction you want staff to work on.

Steve Crisafulli: I think anything that's asked of y'all should be for informational purposes only. You should never be put in a position where you are making a "decision". It should be a legal type decision that comes from you that lays out the parameters of this committee and what our charge is. Anything that falls under that umbrella I think you're very safe to answer that. If not, Todd has given us permission to call a meeting.

Abby Jorandby: If I can just add, caution if we do issue a response to the committee we don't-you all individually please don't respond back and forth because that is a sunshine issue. E-mails are for the group but please don't respond back to the group. If you have a question call Jim or myself please don't start to have a conversation inadvertently online.

Steve Crisafulli: Don't reply all.

Abby Jorandby: Yes, reply all is not your friend.

Steve Crisafulli: Any further comments from the committee itself before we go to public comment? Seeing none, public comment. I do have two cards. Ms. Bradley-Craig do you have comment?

Ms. Bradley-Craig: No.

Steve Crisafulli: Thank you for being here. Commissioner Lober, I have a card from you.

G. Public Comment

- a. Name – Wynell Bradley-Craig, no comment
- b. Name – Bryan Lober, District 2 Commissioner, Brevard County

Bryan Lober: Make sure the audio works here. Everyone can hear me?

Steve Crisafulli: Yes, sir.

Bryan Lober: Good evening, I appreciate everyone being here. I am happy I'm not on the board because I typically only have to convince two people I'm right in order to get what I want. You all have a much harder task than I do with respect to that. I have a few notes here so bear with me. I want to cover a couple topics here. I'm not one normally to put in a public comment card. I think this is the first I can recall I put in in at least a year anywhere. That said, I did a little recon as the meeting was going on because I agree with probably what you all are feeling it is unfortunate everyone doesn't have a license to the software that is specific for redistricting. I'll be honest, I don't know how that software was picked by the county at first. I can find out if anyone is interested. It looks like each license costs about \$4500. I don't know what the other District's budgets are but I'm way under budget as I typically am. For my District, I can certainly pony up to get one license so anyone that wants to come to the office you can come to my office if that is more convenient if I hear from outside the meeting or inside the meeting that is what they want I'll buy my District a license so you can come to North Merritt Island or come into Viera go for that too. If it is truly critical, I'm sure I can scrounge up \$9000 more. I ask let's try to keep it down and keep it at \$4500. You may want to check with the other Commissioners if that is something they can afford. Maybe they can. As far as the population growth, one thing I was wondering and sitting next to Sandra and chatting for a moment, Todd Pokrywa is the brain in the room with respect to population growth because from everything I heard, and again I'm speculating in part, disproportionately D4 has grown so D4 has to shrink. Maybe nothing precludes you from moving me up north on the east side for D1 and giving D1 a huge section on the west or vice versa. There are a lot of different things that could be done but the theme what I heard from everyone that has a basis to have an opinion on this, D4 has grown in population no question. Whatever thought process you have if it doesn't involve a majority minority District or a 7 District option certainly I would have in mind coming into D4 for one or more directions. Now, with respect to something else that came up, I would ask and certainly if you don't want to do it, don't do it but I would ask before the meeting concludes, whether you want to allow for the possibility of having another meeting prior to the census data coming in. When Abby gets you the legal opinions from the County Attorney's Office, once those are disseminated to you all and you have a couple weeks to digest them you may want to meet because a couple issues have come up since I put in the public comment card, and one issue that didn't come up that I think before you worry about how to draw the Districts have to get down to figure whether you waste your time or not. One that didn't come up is do you count jail population. You can, you don't have to, but that could tremendously alter the boundaries in the northern part of my District and southern part of D1. If you want to make the decision before you play with the District boundaries, it may be something worth discussing. As far as the 5 District and 7 District idea that was floated by, I never committed that I like one idea better than the other. Open to that as majority minority District looking at whatever it is. Don't think anyone and-(inaudible comments) I don't think anybody has suggested this group should not put forth a 5 District map. Now, I think what Josiah was looking at and what may or may be something you are interested in is over and above producing the 5 District map know we have Charter review coming up and need to be Charter review changes and don't have the two coinciding that often, do you want to over and above doing your job and give the 5 District path do you also want

to give a 7 District option should Charter review decide that is a great maneuver go through the process there is something they can go to immediately without having to wait years for redistricting. I don't know if that is good or bad. I provided Josiah information and sure he will share that if that is what you are interested in. As for the minority majority district, Susan alluded to this and used the term packing. There are two sides and think it is important to bear in mind regardless what you do that there is a very clearly a potential downside in concentrating one or more particular minority or protected classes all in one District. Because you are essentially precluding them influencing the other Districts. You are forcing a disproportionate share of them in one particular District and like Susan there they are the lone person on the Commission. But the other side to that equation, the flip side of the coin if you go the other extreme you can say you are diluting their influence spreading them out so far and having so few in each District they don't have as much of a say as in the one District. I don't know how that equation comes out but think it is something worth considering. As to what Josiah mentioned and appreciate him having done so with respect to the flooding concerns and the MSTU dollars, I venture to guess part of that came from a discussion or couple discussions we had prior to his having been appointed. North Merritt Island and Steve or Mr. Chair, you are very well familiar with North Merritt Island. West Cocoa is another one where D1 meets with D2 where we have huge flooding costs and the lion share of the stormwater funds that I have in D2 have to go to North Merritt Island or West Cocoa. We have a pocket in Rockledge that have problems where it meets with the municipality but by in large there are areas very concentrated where my stormwater money for D2 has to be spent. If you give me another area or any Commissioner similarly situated that has the same concerns where they spend all most all their stormwater money in pockets of the District if you give me a similar area not only will that area suffer but North Merritt Island (inaudible comments) and West Cocoa would suffer as well. I don't know if flooding is a certain to the same degree in other Districts. I'm sure there are other concerns just important that may be affected concentrating small areas where you don't have the demographics to show this area floods and this doesn't flood. You can see perhaps income, you can see perhaps ethnicity but doesn't show where the deluge is. I don't know to the degree you want to factor topography but from a financial standpoint, it isn't being in the bottom of a bowl is a faux pas. There is a cost to being at it bottom of the bowl. Beyond that, Abby will murder me for this, but I say this with love, there is an option, and I do want to qualify this very heavily that you need to be really, really careful if you choose to exercise this option, you can without violating sunshine and Abby, maybe you want to send the memo from Scott Knox that discusses this and certainly would read it before you do it anything on this basis, you can send out memos among the entire group here between meetings. You cannot ask for commentary and what I do when I send out memos of that variety, I include the County Attorney opinion on the back end of the memo or reference it and specifically say please do not acknowledge receipt of this. If you have a situation where Kendall sends out a memo and Josiah sends out a memo that is where you run into problems, but if you have something you know is particular to your District or something that you think is unlikely anyone else would be concerned about or think of, nothing precludes from sending a memo if you follow the guidance in that particular memo. Just things to think about. Beyond that, I understand I have three appointees on here. There

are other folks on here I know well. Other folks I don't know quite as well. If there is something my office can do for you guys, whether or not I appointed you, reach out. The fact is this is a county wide endeavor and I don't think there needs to be little fiefdoms in terms of me trying to give one particular portion an advantage over another, I think is common goal to get these drawn fairly so to the extent I can do anything or think I might be able to do something, reach out and I'm happy to try to help you all. Thank you, guys.

Steve Crisafulli: Thank you, Commissioner. Couple points on what the Commissioner said. It is his prerogative to spend some of his resources for one of the licenses and we can certainly mention that to the other Commissioners when it comes time to have access because we are all going to be potentially if we are wanting to sit down at a computer trying to do this in a short timeframe. Thank you for your offer on that Commissioner. You did talk about D4. I think we all recognize that D4 is going to be the one that shrinks due to its population growth. You talked about Commissioner the next meeting and that's why I wanted that motion amended to be to where we can call that meeting at the call of the Chair because there could be information that comes about that could be useful to this committee to sit in a room for a little bit and talk about, so we'll certainly keep that in mind. We keep going back to the 5, 6, 7 District conversation. Clearly as mentioned, the Charter says 5 Districts. You are going through Charter review. Abby, is there anything statutorily from the state on number of Districts? Miami Dade has been blocked in a way that they don't fall under the 5 District rule, but statutorily, where are we on that?

Abby Jorandby: There is a provision in state law under Chapter 124, it's 124.011 which discusses the possibility of having 7 commissioners, where you still have 5 and 2 at large. I have not looked into that too much because of Charter Section 2.1 which limits us to 5 at this time. But there is a provision in state law that does discuss that, provides for that

Steve Crisafulli: Okay. Again, this is-we are not married to any of this. Right now, we are married to the Charter we are operating under, but there is going to be discussion that takes place on the charter review and certainly that could be something that comes before us at that point in time. Certainly, I'm not a fan of growing government, but we certainly don't need to be represented by one person, either so there a fine balance and I think understanding the size of different counties and the size of their commissions may help us as we move along and that could be self-reflection you do and some studying up on things as well and I don't think that is something out of the purview of asking our counsel what counties have 6 or 7 commissioners and how many people are in those counties so we get an idea what that looks like as well. I think those are questions that can easily be answered by staff that don't trip any thresholds that we might feel uncomfortable operating in.

Steve Crisafulli: With that, is there any other further public comment? Seeing none, alright. We'll be reaching out to the membership through e-mail. Staff will communicate the answers to the motions that have been put before this committee tonight, and obviously if anything else comes about in the mean time we'll be reaching out to you, otherwise without objection, Mr. Jordan shows we are adjourned.

H. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned by Chair, Steve Crisafulli at 7:02pm