

REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 27, 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 5:32pm

B. Roll Call – Teresa Rivera:

- a. District 1 – Robin Fisher, Robert Jordan, Kendall Moore
- b. District 2 – Josiah Gattle, Susan Hodgers, John Weiler
- c. District 3 – Yvonne Minus, Alberta Wilson
- d. District 4 – Henry Minneboo, Todd Pokrywa, Sue Schmitt
- e. District 5 – Steve Crisafulli, Jason Steele, David Workman
- f. Absent – James Minus, David Workman
- g. Staff – Jim Liesenfelt, Abigail Jorandby, James Shives, Teresa Rivera

Teresa Rivera: Let the record show that we do have a quorum with Mr. James Minus and Mr. David Workman not in attendance at this time.

Steve Crisafulli: Alright. Thank you all for taking time to be here this evening – just a reminder, and I know you get tired of hearing me but when we talk, let's talk into the microphones. I believe they are all hot still tonight so you do not have to push any buttons. It also means every time you whisper something you can be picked up. Keep that in mind. With that can I get approval of minutes from the September 14, 2021?

C. Approval of Minutes, September 14, 2021

- a. Motion made by Susan Hodgers
- b. Seconded by Yvonne Minus
- c. All in favor
- d. Motion passed

D. Mapping Discussion

Steve Crisafulli: Alright members, this is kind of what we've been working towards. Having an actual discussion on what we are doing here, putting together a map and having a discussion on those put together the last couple of weeks. With that, it's going to be kind of an informal process of how we do this. But we will take each member that put together maps, let them kind of explain their reasoning behind what they came up with, a lot of it I understand from walking in the room tonight, is much like myself, when I put mine together is just from the conversations we had in this room. And trying to put it down on paper based on the population we have today. With that we have 3 maps that Mr. Gattle put together. I would like for him to take a few minutes to talk through his rationale and obviously, we have James here, to help with the data side of things if anyone has questions. All the information is in front of you, there will be information on the screens around the room but as we learned in the last few weeks, none of us have the eyesight for seeing that. So that is the reason behind the paper, if you would, go ahead and start, if you will members, you will see, it defines which Plan and which member of the committee and I think the first 3 set on top of your desk where those, consistent with that you are recognized to explain Plan A.

Robert Jordan: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Before you begin I need a point of clarification. I noticed we have one from a County Commissioner. How do we handle that?

Steve Crisafulli: That is something that he will have a member of this committee is going to be presenting that or he should have had somebody do that, or if not, it will not be put on the record.

Robert Jordan: I'm just wondering committee wise, if it is proper when we are supposed to come up with, I don't have a problem either way, I just need to understand.

Steve Crisafulli: That's a discussion we can have and we will have it at the very end, definitely put aside, nobody else besides this committee will be explaining the maps. This committee will be the only one explaining these maps. With that, Mr. Gattle you are recognized to explain Plan A.

Josiah Gattle: Thank you. I appreciate the opportunity to present these maps. This first map is a map that attempts to marry the ideas of John Weiler and Robert Jordan. I appreciated their maps because they seem to make a lot of sense to me. With respect to both of their maps, I saw a

couple of issues that I sought to address with this. Most notably, the Merritt Island Development District was divided in Mr. Jordan's map and the water pumps for the City of Rockledge were outside of District number 2. For drainage and stormwater drainage. I would prefer to keep the storm water pumps and the drainage pumps for the City of Rockledge in the District near the populations that they will be servicing. Largely other than that I had adopted most of the boundaries that were in alignment with John and Robert trying to address those two minor issues that I saw in their maps.

Steve Crisafulli: Ok, Plan B? Members any questions for Mr. Gattle? Keep in mind, kind of the plan behind this is take this information tonight, digest it at this meeting, we will come back next Monday night and narrow this down to hopefully, 2 or 3 or one, depending on the way the committee sees this. This is more about getting the information, getting the ideas of the committee on the table, having a week to digest it, we're going to have public comment at the end that will also be factored into the decisions of the committee. No decisions tonight unless obviously someone makes a motion and everyone agrees I don't know that it will take place. With that, are there any questions on Plan A?

Robert Jordan: Just a question. Whatever I say tonight is not accusatory I just need to understand for sure. Why is it so important to you as far as the water is concerned, the pumps?

Josiah Gattle: In the Rockledge area there are lots of flooding concerns, also Mr. Lober had made it one of the explicit instructions when he was appointed to the committee, his representatives that we keep water in mind. As one of those things so I have deference to the Commissioner who appointed me and made it one of his major concerns in the representatives of District number 2 making sure that we address flooding issues. I know along Rockledge Drive is particularly where my parents live. The road regularly floods and you are unable to get in and out on a regular basis. In the neighborhood where I'm currently living in Rockledge, we just had a flood where people were kayaking in the streets with the thunderstorms we had earlier this week. So water continues to be a huge issue for District 2. If you look at the maps of District 2, it has by far the most percentage of Islands contained within the District. And so for District 2 in particular, I think it's important we keep in mind drainage issues and water issues because we do have significant amount of population that is in close proximity to water, and the flooding issues are more prevalent there with that.

Robert Jordan: Okay, thank you.

Steve Crisafulli: Yes?

Sue Schmitt: Are you referring to something that is physically in the city limits of Rockledge? Or outside of the city limits?

Josiah Gattle: Physically within the city.

Sue Schmitt: I'm not talking the east side, but the west side.

Josiah Gattle: Yes, physically within the city limits of Rockledge.

Sue Schmitt: That is the responsibility of the City of Rockledge.

Josiah Gattle: But should there be a stormwater issue, my goal would be to keep a comprehensive water flow wise that the population in the particular District that Mr. Weiler had highlighted is part of the City of Rockledge and all the water and drainage flow goes to the east. And so this population will be in the western portion. If the committee chose to maintain that particular portion I don't think it would be a huge deal. But if we are making minor changes to things I think it will be something for the committee to keep in mind. As a particular neighborhood.

Sue Schmitt: Well the County has a stormwater fee for everyone in the unincorporated area. And so, Rockledge is a separate municipality that has their own fees for whatever they do. And so I mean, you are I think kind of taking the unincorporated area money, and looking at a city, I mean that is my only concern I would say, as to what you are proposing.

Josiah Gattle: I think that cities and counties interact in a number of different ways. And making sure that they're interacting in a comprehensive manner would be the biggest concern that I would have that we not have a minor amount of a city that is outside of the County Commissioner District that could be largely affected by say development or other things that are happening within that city. Asking a County Commissioner, particularly County Commissioner District 1, where they have the largest land area to keep track of, to keep track of a small population of about 500 to 1000 people, again, this is my one area I would just flip over in large part again, I would agree and you could do things tonight say, Cocoa into District 1 and give them more of a central population along the line, those lines could kind of unify and swap a little population from Cocoa to Rockledge and make it more of the dividing line between District 1 and District 2 for purposes of cooperation and proper representation.

Susan Hodgers: Mr. Chairman, can I add to what Ms. Schmitt said, Josiah, On Plan A of the 3, I am looking at the last point on the proposal notes, PCA 5 D4 to D2 is it taking part of Suntree, I just want to clarify, my parents live over there is Plan A of the District 4 to District 2 taking Spyglass and making it for District 2 breaking up Suntree?

Josiah Gattle: Yes, concerns have been addressed to me, about the breaking up of Suntree Viera area, since this was drafted, it was drafted as of last Monday, when I first came in. And so since then concerns have been raised. I'd be happy to address those with other members of the committee. Again, these maps are more narrowly construed to address specific issues that I saw or brought up to me. Not necessary to be the be all and end all of maps are referred to many other individuals in this committee to have more expertise in their particular areas.

Steve Crisafulli: Ms. Schmitt.

Sue Schmitt: Just to address Susan, I was planning on bringing it up but I was going to wait until we went through some of the more committee members. But I am going to.

Steve Crisafulli: We will do the maps one by one and ask questions on the map as we are.

Sue Schmitt: Committee members – I am going to ask for an overlay of Suntree to be done, I know we have Viera DRI and also the Suntree PUD and also for Mr. Foley to be part to work with James and that group, to be able to do that so we have that available to us. because you are talking about one total PUD.

Todd Pokrywa: Mr. Chair, I want to go on the record, it would be a concern that I share. I believe in terms of perspective on this from the angle of compactness. And not breaking up communities, Viera, Suntree and Baytree should all be kept together. I had an it print the map of Suntree the PUD.

Susan Hodgers: Mr. Chair, I had IT print the map of Suntree the PUD. I'm a current precinct -- one of those organizations to my knowledge I'm not sure if Miss Schmitt, I think Suntree is not part of the PUD. Those things will consider but like what Mr. Pokrywa said you want to keep Baytree and the different areas together.

Sue Schmitt: I'd like to respond to. The Springs at Suntree is not part of the PUD. In fact, I had a discussion with James the other day. And he could not find the springs but I know where it is. And also, I believe -- I don't believe that is part of the deal either? Right next to the springs. And you have a natural buffer going up Pinehurst to Viera boulevard and then you don't go east of that because it's all commercial. You don't care about that. But as far as residential.

Steve Crisafulli: Listen, this is about having that discussion, understanding what the wishes of the committee are and it is certainly on the record. We are ultimately going to end up marrying some of the maps together. I don't see any way that any of them, as they are. Putting

the ideas out and understanding those. Answer any questions or move on to Plan B.

Josiah Gattle: I want to respond to the representative from District 4 that I was unaware of the Suntree being part of that greater infrastructure. I want to make sure the respect is much as possible, I did struggle drawing south to accommodate for population in a way that made sense in another way. But I'm open any suggestions that you or any of the other representatives may have at this point in time. Mr. Chairman may I move on to Plan B.

Steve Crisafulli: Yes

Josiah Gattle: A number of people had approached me at this committee with proposing an Island District be added or we put all the population on the Island in one District. I don't support this District for 2 reasons. Number 1 concentration of property values. For millage rate would create unevenness like I discussed previously and also, concentration of flooding concerns and one particular District but I did think it was important for the record to put, that it was possible and lay it on the table for the members to be able to see what one might look like if one were to be drawn in that manner. This would as a benefit, be able to keep most of Viera Suntree together. But other than that, I don't think it accomplishes some of the other goals of this committee to put forward this map but I thought it was important for the record to make it and consider it if people were interested.

Steve Crisafulli: Any questions, obviously, as Mr. Gattle said, he was just doing that for the record more so than anything else, I don't know that it's been something the committee has talked much about from the standpoint of their wishes, but certainly it's been thrown out there. I think it was important for him to put it on the record. Seeing no questions, we can move to Plan C.

Josiah Gattle: With Plan C, there's something that it occurred to me particularly District 1 and how it relates to District 2 and additional ways in which District will could expand and get population. District 1 at this point in time does not have any population beachside. And so, this particular map adopts a strategy of Cape Canaveral which is 10,000 individuals, and bringing that population beachside into District 1 where it currently does not have any other population beachside. Yes, it has large portions of Federal land that is represented there but does not have any significant population beachside. Having talked to several city officials in Titusville and having brought up at Commission meetings, there is a lower property value up there which causes the millage rate to

be higher in cities, if we are wanting to create a more even distribution of tax revenue, beachside property might be something to consider. Again, it's more of food for thought as we go through the other committees bringing up a point that I think has not been addressed yet through the committee.

Steve Crisafulli: Okay, members, any questions on that? You know, I understand where you're going with that from a population standpoint. Certainly, it does kind of pull us away from our geographic you know lines and our communities of interest which are two things that we've brought up moving forward. An idea nonetheless. you are recognized.

Susan Hodgers: Ms. Schmitt had mentioned, I'm not good if it's an unspeakable each Commissioner gets a piece of the beach. I know on Mr. Gattle's Plan B, it takes everything down, does it go down to basically Sebastian? Or Melbourne Beach?

Josiah Gattle: The entire, all of the Islands collectively and I haven't looked at this exact number in a moment. I believe it is on the last page there. I believe it is right around 123 -- 123,000 individuals on the Islands making it theoretically possible and within bounds for us to create an Island District. Number of individuals have come to me both in this setting as part of the committee, or outside the committee with ideas saying that we should create an Island District. This was more to show that it is possible but not necessarily to recommend. That it is something we can lay on the table and I know it was an unspoken rule but people having brought it up at that it was important to draw a map that reflected the wishes people had. And then lay it on the table for the committee to consider, not necessarily supporting 100 percent, just something I thought was important to bring up before the committee as an option.

Alberta Wilson: Okay, I have a question. I need clarification. it is an unspoken rule?

Steve Crisafulli: There's nothing that well -- [laughter] Ms. Schmitt

Jason Steele: That is just an idea and a concept. We don't have to abide by that whatsoever.

Steve Crisafulli: Because I don't believe it's part of the Charter. It is not something we have to live by. Just something I think they've tried to honor over time but it is not something that's listen, there's no -- on this committee period we're kind of working as we feel our way through this.

Alberta Wilson: I just wanted clarification on that because someone approached me with that and I went what? Seriously?

Steve Crisafulli: There's certainly nothing in the Charter.

Robin Fisher: I would say that in District 1 we consider Playa Linda as our beach. We think we do have some beachfront although it might not have housing there, it does have job creation.

Henry Minneboo: I think we have a lot of job creation on the other parts of your beach for sure. In fact today was a

Steve Crisafulli: I think we did a part of the beach.

Henry Minneboo: Always here for the comedy. A lot of exposure

Steve Crisafulli: Any further comments Mr. Gattle?

Josiah Gattle: Not at this time.

Steve Crisafulli: Let's write down questions. Obviously, we'll come back and revisit some of the thoughts after go through the maps themselves. But you know, let's go through them and write questions for ourselves to ask later as we can wrap this thing up toward the end. Mr. Weiler. I will have you present your 2 maps but I do understand that there was maybe some confusion and an email that you sent through staff with regard to the maps that went out on the email versus what is before us tonight. So we want to make sure we have the record state. If you would, talk into the microphone so they can pick it up.

John Weiler: I think what you have I think James corrected that. There were 2 versions. This is the version on your table. I don't know how I got it confused but it is what it is.

Steve Crisafulli: Okay.

James Weiler: Consistent with what I presented the first time last meeting, we moved a little bit of District 1, I gave District 1, this is only District 2 to District 1. Remove the current boundary of District 1, of 528 a little more and on the Indian River side in the upper, going a little east. There's always a little piece on the other side of 528 that should have always been District 1 from a geographic standpoint in my opinion. So keep it there. And then moving down, Indian River Drive and on both sides Michigan, all the way to Dixon and that would give District 1 some of the population they needed moving south in that regard. On the 2nd map, to get our population back up, District 1 provide some territory to District number 2 in the Cocoa area from 95 going into Cocoa is District 1, the District to portion along 520, contingent it wasn't being interrupted. that gave us the population. And then I will go from, I'm not going to do District 5 right this minute. I will go to District number 4 District 2. The request had been made from Viera DRI. Remove the bedroom District 2 in Rockledge up to the boundary of the DRI so we are not interfering with that DRI. That's District 4 to District 2. And then picked up a little bit of territory along the Indian River. East and I think that is on the last

one, District 4 to District 2. Areas east of US1, we picked up that territory going all the way to Pineda. That makes sense from population, gives us a little bit of population there. Stops right here, does not interfere with the DRI, nor does interfere with the area in the regular -- in the other areas -- it wouldn't come out.

Sue Schmitt: Suntree

John Weiler: Thank you! I was trying. Baytree and Suntree. It wouldn't change at all. Then within reason, we move over to beachside and Pineda which is 404, that is the last one on the map and retake essentially Patrick Shores, we have 4 essentially this doesn't have much on it but it would move us down on the beachside along Patrick Shores stopping at Satellite Beach, not interrupting the City of Satellite Beach. This would be unincorporated areas the way I understand it. Still there south of Pineda that brings us back to the summary sheet somewhere right within the population categories. What to do with that?

Sue Schmitt: Second page.

John Weiler: Right here. It gives us a District 2, we are at 121433 which is .09, District 1 gives him 1.51 deviation. And then you have District 3, 4 and 5. Gives us all within the target deviations. Within reason. and more important to keeping the contingency areas together. A little bit of movement in Cocoa but that was always split up between District 1 and District 2. And it just makes it more solid moving south, keeps it all together. Instead of having it -- in there from a population standpoint. Rockledge is mostly District 2 somewhat because of the Viera DRI remaining still District 4. That's it.

Steve Crisafulli: So basically Mr. Weiler, this just took your map from last week and massaged it to make it work out

John Weiler: Yes, mainly to work with Viera DRI and Suntree areas and so forth, to balance off the population and it will instead of going back and forth between District 1 and District 2 boundary going from the north District 2 in Cocoa, to District 1 and then balance that by taking a little bit from the east side it was District 1 into District 2.

Steve Crisafulli: Okay. Members, any questions for Mr. Weiler? I think he did what we talked about last week.

Kendall Moore: One point of clarity maybe it's a James question. When we get to the summary sheets, I think the same thing might apply to Mr. [name?] Proposal. There is not, there's not data-driven isolation of each PCA, the data provided would be all of those PCA's together and the impact, is that right? So let's make it up, if I like PCA 1 and don't like

PCA 2, the current data doesn't necessarily analyze PCA 1, it is all 5 of those together and how it would impact the population.

James Shives: Okay. On the summary chart, the proposed change areas, you have PCA one, gives a total population of the change areas and description which Districts it went from to 2. That gives the total population.

Kendall Moore: But I can't isolate that change.

James Shives: We could.

Kendall Moore: Okay, that was my question Mr. Chairman, thank you.

James Shives: Was mainly based on total population just to keep it short and sweet I guess.

Kendall Moore: Got it, thank you.

Steve Crisafulli: Any other questions?

Robin Fisher: In this PCA 1, Block 137, total population 7496. Then D2 to D1. A saying 7500 roughly people came from D1 are going to D2 or is it going from D2 to D1?

James Shives: D2 to D1 and then the census blocks is the calm there to give you an idea how many particular as we are grabbing each change.

Robin Fisher: Okay. Thank you.

Steve Crisafulli: Any further questions or clarifications on Mr. Weiler's map? All right. We will move ahead. Present, did you do 2 or 1?

Todd Pokrywa: Mr. Chairman, we can ignore my Plan A because those changes were discussed. It mirrors -- so that is relatively if not exactly the same as Mr. Weiler's proposal. I kept intact many of the same changes but instead, it didn't change anything in District 4 on the west side of the Indian River as it relates to that area that is north of the southern boundary -- that area in District 4 was kept intact and then on the beachside, proposed change area 6 was from the causeway including the unincorporated area, Patrick Shores as well as Satellite Beach, and that proposal was moving the 17,724 population there from D4 to D2. That's how that differs from Plan A, keeping more intact west of the Indian River Lagoon in District 4 and reducing the amount of area within District 4 on the beachside. And part of the rationale behind that is Viera is going to continue to grow over the next 20 years. As it approaches buildout and I think it will become more compact and in order to keep those communities of interest together, some of those outlying areas would need to be reduced. When you go to the table as well, you will see that in this instance, District 4, the deviation was 3.22-3.22 recognizing that there is going to be considerable growth over the next several years in District 4 within the boundaries of the Viera DRI.

Steve Crisafulli: Very good. Members, any questions? Comments? certainly consistent with a lot of the conversations we have had in this room. Something to consider. All right, Vice Chair. Do I understand correctly that the plan that you put together for the Commissioner to put together something that is an idea that you been working on with him that you would like to explain?

Yvonne Minus: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you. Good evening everyone. Based on our Code of Ordinances and Redistricting in Section 2.2, I believe everyone may have gotten a copy of the draft proposals. In the Code of Ordinances, it states that in the 1st -- after the census were more frequently when allowed by this section, the Board of County Commissioners shall cause a County to be divided into a County Commissioner District of contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as practical. Redistricting shall be responsibility of the community appointed in the same manner as a Charter Review Commission or the Charter. Also, the recommendations of the committee shall be made directly to the Board of County Commissioners, which shall approve or disapprove them without amendment. In its recommendations, the committee shall to the extent practical, preserve the several municipalities and general geographically cohesive racial or ethnic minority communities from fragmentation. Redistricting more frequently than the xxx should be permitted only if the population of the District has been changed by more than 25 percent, since the last Redistricting. And sir, I say that with our Commissioner for District 3, that you received a copy of his proposal. And trying to divide or as much as possible, to have each District balanced as much as possible. To recognize the minorities and each District. Do you want me to –

Steve Crisafulli: Whatever you like, the floor is yours to continue to explain the rationale and how you landed here.

Yvonne Minus: The rationale is that in the past, there has not been adequate representation the minority or black population. And to divide and as much as possible have this equitable then is why we are recommending the changes as much as possible.

Steve Crisafulli: Members, any questions, comments?

Robert Jordan: Mr. Chair?

Steve Crisafulli: You are recognized.

Robert Jordan: I'm trying to understand, Mr. Tobia, is this what you are representing here?

Yvonne Minus: Yes sir.

Robert Jordan: You are saying the map is, it would make it equitable if you will?

Yvonne Minus: As much as possible.

Robert Jordan: I will tell you Mr. Chairman, I'm more confused by the maps. Trying to figure out how this thing is actually going. It was really hard. I was trying to figure out what I did. I knew what I did was, I tried to, we had rosa separated. That's it, I wasn't trying to do anything else. Now and I think rightly so, we are looking at let's make sure we don't divide and conquer if you will. And I'm not sure breaking it up the way I see it on this is going to be as equitable as he wanted to be. I just wanted to be fair, I want to make sure we are doing this right, and in my opinion, the easiest thing to start off with was just to divide it by some boundary that is pretty simple to do. I mean it's simple! Just divide it by that and on the -- what you brought up the last thing I didn't realize at the time, we should modify a little bit. But I think I'm just talking about this now to tell you.

Steve Crisafulli: You are talking about the conversations that have taken place in this room you know since this committee started meeting and that's been pretty consistent. You know we were sent a presentation from the Association of Cities which copies the Association of Counties you know and what kind of continue to talk about to your point, geographic breaks to be used in defining these things. We talked about communities of interest, we talked about compactness. You know so you are consistent with what we have talked about. But you know again, this is an opportunity to lay ideas on the table and you know, should the committee find that this is in fact, an equitable way to move forward or the right way to define the Districts in Brevard County, is the prerogative of this committee to do that. You know so certainly, it is a different process than that is used at the state from the standpoint of how Redistricting is done. You know, certainly there is legal sides to all of you and we have to defend that as a County. That is an important part of the conversation as well but certainly, it is the prerogative of the committee to put ideas on the table and see how we are going to best move forward. You know, is it using compactness, computers of interest, geographic areas. Those type of things. As our base and are we using other ideas as well. That's a conversation that certainly we will continue to have before have a final map sitting before us. Now the time to ask the questions and put comments on the record and move forward. You are recognized.

Josiah Gattle: I have a logistical question for Abby about the census kind of minority data. Redistricting, things I looked in the past you have to have a single minority that comprises the majority of this majority District. And with the changes to the census data to allow people to choose multiple races, is anyway the committee could get the data we need to determine whether this is viable as recognizing say African-American or Hispanic or whatever minority we are trying to highlight. To be able to be legally within a safe boundary on this.

Steve Crisafulli: Abby, you are recognized if you -- [laughter] if you'd like.

Abigail Jorandby: I want to make sure I understand the question. You're looking at the answers individuals are given for the census reporting exactly?

Josiah Gattle: On the census reporting as I was looking into this earlier with respect to Mr. Tobia -- previous County Commissioner meetings, the question that I had was, we saw a change in the census questions. So that you now can select multiple minority ethnicities or -- resulted in dramatic change in the answers that were received. Do we have to have say isolate the data, we are promoting majority or is it something that with this new census question, would be able to put the conglomeration -- to see if this is legally possible. Does that make sense?

Abigail Jorandby: I think so. I understand we can look at all the census data. Right now in your summaries is just limited to certain races but we can provide all the data. As far as a majority minority District, what I've seen traditionally in case law chooses one race either Native American, I see Hispanic, I also see black. So I have not seen where they've mixed different races as far as a majority minority District. I think that might be the answer to your question. I've not seen that as far as using the data we have now to create that, yet go back to the fact that it was part of the memo I done previously. We are supposed to use neutrality in decision-making as a government. That's always what we start from. it is not per se prohibited to do majority minority District based on race. However, that will have if we do so, it will have a very high standard of strict scrutiny standard where the courts will look at that, we cannot abandon the traditional Redistricting components such as continuity and compactness and all the other requirements there. We can use race as far as you know, in that regard but you have to have that, also have to show the communities have shared interest. If you start to look at Hispanic and African-American community as one District, do they have

same common interest? Do they have the community shared interest? And we have some cases where they use the same churches and same schools and same libraries. So, you're using race but not, the only complaint you have to look at it as a whole. I believe, I can look to see if they've done it before but I can tell you from the caseload I've looked at, usually they're looking at one particular race, whether by Native American, Hispanic, I saw a lot of cases of Texas where they are due Hispanic majority minority District, but as far as doing a couple of different races in one District, I have not seen that. It doesn't mean it is not out there. I can continue to look but really consider the fact that once we start using race as a Redistricting tool so to speak, you have a higher stricter scrutiny as well as we have to show the shared common interest. So that might be the determiner in that regard. If that is helpful.

Jason Steele: Mr. Chairman.

Steve Crisafulli: Mr. Steele first.

Jason Steele: Thank you. I think it is honorable to be able to try to get a minority District. I think idealistically, I would love to see that.

Unfortunately, I don't know that we can possibly do that without gerrymandering all of the boundaries so crazy that the courts would come in and say, you guys got this minority District here but you've jumped over Rockledge and back here to Melbourne Beach and moved all around. You have a big snake like thing and no common boundaries of the style of Redistricting comes into play. So, if there was an area where we could get those commonalities with the roads and waters and cities and things of that nature, I think it would be easily done. I just don't see how we can get it done without having some sort of court challenge to it, so, I am not comfortable with the way it's moving.

Alberta Wilson: Mr. Chairman.

Steve Crisafulli: In order.

Robert Jordan: Thank you. [laughter]

Alberta Wilson: Excuse me.

Robert Jordan: Let me be clear. What I just heard, it concerns me because my heart is all about being fair. And being fair to me is just bringing it up with boundaries. When you start talking as you were and you are talking to try to put a minority District it says now you're separating us from the population, we are all the same people and we have different colors, but we all have the same requirements. We want good roads, we want good sewer, good water and all that good stuff. So I'm very uncomfortable with trying to break things up just to -- I don't want to be an all-black District. I know from history when you put

yourself in a certain District, you may not get the representation. You might get a representative but not the representation you're looking for. I can handle that. We've come too far to go backwards just to say I'm in a black District or white District or Hispanic District. What we need to do is be fair with the numbers as we started with and we have some that were more than others and to me as I told you all last time at the last meeting, you laughed when I said but I was very serious. All I did was just break it up. We had 122,000 whatever the number was and broke it up to make sure that we all got the amount of population that we should. And I think that is where our minds should be, not to separate, but to make sure that everybody gets proper representation to separate by minority Districts to me is just not in the best interest of the citizens of Brevard County, in my humble opinion.

Steve Crisafulli: Ms. Wilson?

Alberta Wilson: I'm going to say it before I was rudely interrupted. [laughter] that I share in this sentiment that Ms. Minus has espoused - when you look at what I dropped, it was clearly a practice run and James was so good to let me play with that and do that. And since then, I have in my mind anyway, devised a different looking District. You know what I find interesting in this, I've been in the County almost 50 years. It is never an issue unless you start talking a minority this, minority that. Then all of a sudden people start getting upset and under the collar start being -- come on I have no problem living in District 2 would have no problem living in an all-black District if that is the way the District is drawn. You got capable people of all hues, good representation is good representation. So, let me just say that right now. I'm not going to run away from identifying if it came out that way from being a minority District. Our issue is bigger than that. Bigger than that. Let's look at this, look at it with an open mind, unlike in previous years. In Brevard County, this is always been a contention. and I will reserve my other comments until I start talking about mine.

Steve Crisafulli: You will have that opportunity after we have this discussion so you will be up next. Mr. Fisher, did you have?

Robin Fisher: Yes, I noticed Mr. Chair on the, on this proposal, I did not see the proposed changes in a percentage. Is there any reason for that?

James Shives: Yeah, some of the more out-of-the-box plans, they did not use existing District lines as a template. The change areas would have been the whole map essentially, and I don't think that information would have provided any clarity it would've been more confusing than

providing clarity. That's why on this proposal, we have like an overlay of the existing District in red and then the colors of each District for that particular plan. Like I said, if the plan did not start with the existing boundaries in mind, providing -- yet, it wouldn't have helped clarify anything.

Robin Fisher: Thank you, I think in reality, you have roughly 600,000 plus and about 20 percent of the population would probably fall into minority population between black and Hispanics. So that 20 percent is spread over 72 miles right now. So it might be very difficult to compact it when you really think about where that, if you're just going to say want to identify Hispanic and black District, that is over 72 miles, it is just difficult to do.

Steve Crisafulli: Ms. Hodgers

Susan Hodgers: I'm trying to imitate Mr. Fisher and a couple of people on the 1st or 2nd meeting, I was opposed to this like Mr. Jordan said. And I believe Ms. -- I been here 41 years. I am half Asian so me personally, if someone says I'm going to hire you because you are Asian I would take personal offense to that. What I am looking all the maps with an open mind. There are some things on here that I like. Where it says 48 percent minorities and 52 percent non-Hispanic white for District 3, do you happen to have that percentages for District 1, 2, 5 and 4? Can we get those percentages?

James Shives: Yes, we could get them.

Susan Hodgers: And then on 1st page, District 2, it says parts of Cocoa and majority of Rockledge. Then in District 4 it says parts of Melbourne. Is there specifics of which, when it says parts, is there more specificity?

James Shives: It would be on the map.

Steve Crisafulli: Yes, just looking at the map you will see kind of where they divided those. You know, most of what you are looking at is a broader look because the Districts are not as compact so more spread out. You're not getting finite information like you're getting on the other ones. But if you look to the maps, you will see, you can see some of the road names as 2 different points of interest that divide things. But these are definitely zoomed out a little further just because you know, there bigger, more spread out Districts versus being more compact or you can zoom in on it more.

Susan Hodgers: When it says parts of Melbourne. Is there any other part of Melbourne, that will be included in District 3 for the remainder of the parts?

James Shives: Yes, there are parts of Melbourne in District 3.

Susan Hodgers: So if it is not District 4 then it's in District 3?

James Shives: Yeah, basically, yeah.

Susan Hodgers: Alright, thank you.

Steve Crisafulli: Any more comments? Ms. Minus.

Yvonne Minus: Yes sir. I would like to comment again, as much as possible, definitely, I too want to be very fair. I am very fair and I believe that we all are trying to be very fair. And to have everything balanced out. In the past, to my knowledge, and I've been here over 40 some years. That different communities have not been represented fairly in my opinion. And so, this is the 1st time that I have been on a board. I have witnessed a lot. And just asking to be simply recognized, it may not work. Maybe in the future, it will. But it states in our code of ordinance, that is the case. I am not -- if it is not in all minority that's good. But long as it is well represented is what I am looking for. That is my story and I'm sticking to it, Mr. Jordan. [laughter]

Steve Crisafulli: Ms. Hodgers?

Susan Hodgers: I would like to add, what she was saying we all want to be fair and represented and you had said a few times you might have to marry a couple of these maps together and there are parts of the select go with. I think we all work together and come up with something that everyone can live with.

Steve Crisafulli: Mr. Moore?

Kendall Moore: Mr. Chair, a couple of things. Certainly, I have not had the chance to review this proposal in detail but let me give you my vantage point from a very specific thing. We think about what Commissioner Tobia said when he talked about this on the dais. Some of those concepts, I certainly agree with was mentioned here today. The historic representation from a minority perspective in this County is pretty well documented from that standpoint in terms of you know, amounts. Therefore, Commissioner Fisher mentioned was a Commissioner always a Commissioner. Commissioner Fisher referenced about how the minority population is distributed. It is not equally distributed across the 72 miles. So small moves when we are attempting contiguity, compactness and others, could have fairly significant swings in the demographics of any District. I pointed it out we were talking before about including beach. If you carve a piece of the mainland and add beach, the demographic swing in that is substantial and significant. And so, from a lens perspective, I don't care if it is one total plan or any PCA, personally, I will be very interested in the ultimate demographic impact of any potential or particular line that is moved in a

particular direction. Because considering it is not distributed equally. along certain streets in the County, if you went to carve out both sent to the street you could take substantial percentage points of minority voters and move them. Clearly Abby is the expert in this particular legal issue, not me. But I would suggest if gerrymandering is what action the court would have the same problem with dilution. If following compactness and making a contiguous District were to dilute the minority vote the court would likely have the same issue or concern in that regard. I think whether we are agreeing or disagreeing on the map that the lens is an appropriate consideration, which is it would posture my questions to James earlier about, ultimately, for each individual one, the demographic impact will be important to me from support or lack thereof perspective.

Steve Crisafulli: I would say for the record that they would have been any court challenge in the past. And using, that is why a lot of people using the existing lines is smart to work from because we know that their past this over time and just to move lines based on population along the way, is a very safe thing to do and I think that's happened with Mr. Weiler 's map, with Todd's map and in fact I will take to throw both of my maps out because both of them, my 1st one fixed everything that he fixed. My 2nd one is literally like 10 deviation off of his. So you know, and basically what I did in mind and what I know Todd did in his was using the existing boundaries and just shifting and keeping sentry and beer together and keeping the concerns of other things with regard to conversations that have happened in the committee together and we solve that so I think to your point, you know, trying to, if it's not something totally different, then trying to stay close to what we've done in the past, we know passes the legal challenge because maybe it's never been challenged but it is consistent so therefore, it is. And I think that is a good safe place to be. But certainly, we are not picking and choosing tonight but I think as we move forward, that is part of the conversation, do we change the process? By doing something you know very different or do we stay consistent with what we have been doing and just you know if Mr. Fisher would have been somewhat last week when we talk we probably would've passed them operate them by saying we are within the deviations and we'd all be sitting eating dinner somewhere together tonight. That being said, I think we have to keep that in mind as we go through this process, to know from a legal standpoint, certainly, anything we do outside of the box we do open ourselves up to that. But we have you know a mindset here legally that

would tell us if we are hiding in the right or wrong direction but you know history certainly has a way of helping us as well.

Josiah Gattle: I would like to say, I appreciate your perspective. -- I would appreciate any that we are on a community of interest to continue to point up here one of the concerns I will refer to Mr. Moore on this is that we stay within the bounds of what the previous law states on this. I know that you have a legal background.

Kendall Moore: Yes, in terms of?

Josiah Gattle: On minority majority Districts. I've quite a few concerns on the change of question on the census particularly. We would make sure that whatever we are doing that they changed the questions particularly regarding race and -- if there were certain areas that you were aware of or that we had say 2 racial minorities constituting a minority majority District, will be open to consider it I just do not want this to be the one that the courts come in and overturn the work of the committee and bring us all back on. So, if there's a particular precedent on that particular because I have looked at trying to be differential on this, that we could move forward with this and consider and looking at what logistically it would look like. I just want to make sure we are within the bounds of, does it for the previous case law in creating minority majority Districts?

Kendall Moore: Mr. Gattle I don't think anyone is suggesting anything that will constitute going outside the bounds of the law. But what I think you will find in election law and drawing Districts in general very similar to seeing target deviation. It is not a blackline type test. It's a deviation type of scenario but I certainly understand your point.

Josiah Gattle: I just haven't seen anything of this nature. If there are examples that you or any other members have, I would be very interested in seeing those if they were available.

Susan Hodgers: Is there any example that we can look at to see what they have done or not done?

Steve Crisafulli: We're all working on the same time frame, of the previous history with regard to?

Susan Hodgers: The majority minority District.

Steve Crisafulli: Abby may have an answer to that.

Susan Hodgers: I would be interested.

Steve Crisafulli: She did present case law and because the question was asked at the first meeting. So, she did present that but Abby, do you have for the comment?

Abigail Jorandby: I'd have to go back and look at the case law. Most of the case law was out of Texas. I think we saw California, North Carolina, those areas but I would have to go back to look and see if there's anything really from a Florida County that we could see what they had done and recall you know of course the reason I'm finding case lies because someone challenged and there's an issue. Doesn't mean it hasn't happened and it was just never challenged, I don't know. I would have to see if I can find anything for Florida.

Steve Crisafulli: Yes, Mr. Jordan, question?

Robert Jordan: Ms. Minus I'm not going to put you on the spot I'm just trying to understand. The maps that Mr. Commissioner Tobia put together is there one District that is a minority District?

Kendall Moore: It appears from the picture.

Robert Jordan: I'm just trying to understand because it was separated because of minority majority, right? So, is there one District that become the minority District? Is there an additional District that would have to be developed or?

Kendall Moore: I wouldn't know. It just appears from the picture that it is 3. I just say that looking at the photographs. D3 now goes to Titusville. I'm assuming it is 3.

Robert Jordan: It would have to be 3.

Kendall Moore: A1A goes north and south.

Robert Jordan: Okay.

Steve Crisafulli: Further questions or comments? Commissioner Fisher. Is your microphone on?

Robin Fisher: I've been caught saying some. [laughter] I think probably to accomplish what we were talking about is really you might have to almost think about do you expand the Board of County Commissioners? You could probably get there were legally doing it that way. I don't know what that takes to do. Then having additional Commissioners, then you would be doing it this way.

Steve Crisafulli: You opened up the can of worms, you can ask the Attorney over there and see what she says.

Abigail Jorandby: Yes, our chart has right now, we have 5 Commissioner Districts. I would have to have a Charter Amendment to add additional Districts before we can even Redistrict for that purpose. At this point.

Robin Fisher: I'm sorry can you say that again?

Abigail Jorandby: Currently, charter provides for 5 Commissioner Districts. We have to amend the charter, have a charter amendment

first if you want to do 6 or 7 Districts. I'm assuming 7. And then Redistrict for that purpose. Right now, we can only do 5.

Steve Crisafulli: But a good thought and I do believe that right now, there is a Charter Review Committee going on, right?

Sue Schmitt: I sit on the Charter Review Commission.

Steve Crisafulli: I'm sorry to hear that! [laughter]

Sue Schmitt: I know there has been conversation about that but it would have to go to the voters, number 1. And number 2, you are looking at a lot more expense, which the average person when they see how much it is going to cost for 2 more Commissioners, I don't think they're going to go for that number 1. Plus, I don't know if you've ever thought about it but let's say they were elected Countywide. And 2 people from one District ran and both won. Then you would have 3 Commissioners representing 1 Commissioner, and all they need is one more vote.

Steve Crisafulli: Here's the good news, this is the Redistricting Committee, we don't have to define this. You all can talk about that at a Charter meeting.

Sue Schmitt: I just thought I would throw that out.

Steve Crisafulli: Any other comments?

Josiah Gattle: Previously about the 7 Districts, I was just going to call back to Abby that it was the 2 additional Districts by state statute would have to be as large as Ms. Schmitt is pointing out so I don't know that 7 Districts 100 percent resolves it as state statute stands at this moment.

Sue Schmitt: Good point.

Steve Crisafulli: alright, think we've moved through that. Now we will go to Ms. Wilson's map that she is put together.

Alberta Wilson: let's not talk about my map. [laughter] When I played around with that and then James was educating me, trust me, it took some education. I was looking at it strictly from the mean deviation and overall range deviation. Nothing else. I got home that evening and I thought about something I heard, a terminology I learned early on when we met. MSTUs I was under the impression that's why stay away from this majority minority concept, was that, unless you had a certain, you come from a District that contributes a certain amount of money or revenues, that you are completely left out. When I read MSTUs common terms of distribution, it did not mention that. So, I guess what I'm saying, you guys perhaps more knowledgeable than me. If MSTUs are distributed without respect to whether a District is a wealthy District, a medium income type District, or a poor District. If MSTUs are distributed based on needs, then I'm of the opinion yes, we seriously

need to look at, at least start the discussion on having majority minority District. Let me just say this, just because you've never been challenged, doesn't mean that it's correct. You've just never been challenged. In terms of you know, this is not a criticism, this is an observation. And yes, it is smart, let's stay with what we know because at least we know we won't get a fight. Well, that doesn't mean what we know has always been done correctly guys and girls. That's all I have to say. But please do not take my map, my current map seriously. I was practicing.

Steve Crisafulli: It is pretty consistent with a lot of the other ones! [laughter] I was going to say good job, but never mind! [laughter] It's part of the record so you know, it is something that everybody will certainly know have the opportunity to look at. But you know, it is in all honesty, it is kind of it has a lot of characteristics of some of the other ones. So, you know that is something to keep in mind as we are moving forward. Mr. Minneboo you have some pretty pictures.

Henry Minneboo: A little bit of history here.

Steve Crisafulli: What have you done?

Henry Minneboo: I kept it rather simple. Created the 528 divider line. And I thought I would make it really easy for the other Districts if once we clarify that what we could have called District 1, it allowed District 2, 3, 4 and 5 to adjust accordingly. We've had District 1 in Todd's District. We call it Todd's District now. We are basically trying to get it out of there. We felt strong about it allowed people expressed some thoughts. Try to make it real simple. Just smooth out the different Districts.

Steve Crisafulli: So basically, Mr. Jordan talked about more east west division of things and then -

Henry Minneboo: Yes, Mr. Jordan had a great idea and I capitalized on it.

Steve Crisafulli: There you go. [laughter] You have District 1 in your map and then you kind of just shifted things by population as he moved south.

Henry Minneboo: You've got an adjustment arm on there that can be done if you need more or less, you can pull down to 524, swing it up swing it down, bring it down to 520. You have the area out there which works really well.

Robin Fisher: 528 north.

Henry Minneboo: 528 runs perpendicular to us 1 the beachline, the Bennett Causeway to beachline, that is 528.

Robin Fisher: And that would be District 1 then?

Henry Minneboo: Yes.

Henry Minneboo: we would only run that to the Banana River. We would not go all the way to Cape Canaveral. Of course we want to keep Robin Fisher: 520. I'm seeing 520, 528.

Henry Minneboo: 521 just south of 528, they run parallel to each other.

Steve Crisafulli: And you're right, it does make a jog down to 520 to pick up apparently population.

Henry Minneboo: But that is where if we need to make an adjustment, if it is suitable to everybody, you can push it up or push it down at that location.

Steve Crisafulli: Okay.

Robin Fisher: And just the PCA for that or whatever. What happens to District 2 and population change?

James Shives: If you refer to Robert Jordan's plan, those numbers will be on there.

Steve Crisafulli: That is basically what Robert had done.

Henry Minneboo: Robert did a better job than I did.

Steve Crisafulli: Far more comprehensive sir. Any questions for Mr. Minneboo?

Josiah Gattle: Minor changes between your Plan and Mr. Jordan's plan was along 520 on the north side. There was an orange area that remains District 1.

Henry Minneboo: And west. A little west modification.

Josiah Gattle: So the particular area that is right there, was there a particular reason it remains District 1? Or an item of interest we should be aware of?

Henry Minneboo: I'm not sure which one.

Josiah Gattle: Is there any reason along PCA 2 and, was that an oversight?

James Shives: Our instruction was just to grab everything south of 520. That's what we did.

Josiah Gattle: Okay.

Steve Crisafulli: Again, Mr. Jordan's was far more comprehensive than that. [laughter] Thank you. Further comments or questions? Seeing none, Mr. Jordan, is this your original map in the pack? Nothing has changed on it?

Robert Jordan: It is. Nothing has changed I wanted to make sure we modified to take care of Todd's requirement. I appreciate Mr. Gattle, I think if we except I still don't understand even though you explained it as far as the water problem is concerned, because whatever District is going to be in, the Commissioner is going to take care of it. and then

someone said something about Rockledge. Rockledge is a city so they would take care of anything. I wasn't really sure why that had to be a requirement.

Josiah Gattle: I'm just trying to be respectful of the communities staying together. Particularly in, I believe it was Mr. Weiler's proposal, there is one little teardrop right at the end that just does not seem to make sense to me because just a little, 500 to 1000-person neighborhood like the back half of the neighborhood there. Your plan, I generally appreciate where it goes. I would say that the natural dividing line of 95 out of prefer be respected. But it is just to make sure that I believe was Mr. Weiler's plan if we flip forward just that one little bit that it reaches over and grabs a section of populated Rockledge. There's a section of unpopulated Rockledge in your plan that flips over, that is not necessarily affected by that. It is just one neighborhood where we are putting the pumps and the neighborhood that is served by them in 2 separate Districts.

Susan Hodgers: Mr. Chair? When you are saying to disregard the maps, just don't consider when we choose a map for next week or the next meeting that I had put us -- Ms. Wilson, was she joking? Or do not consider her map?

Steve Crisafulli: I mean it is part of the record You know so it is here to be discussed if so choose but it is very similar to some of the other ones. I would tell you probably go to one of the other ones and if you want to massage one of those maps we could go in that direction. As far as mine goes, Plan A for me was marrying Mr. Jordan's map and Mr. Weiler's map from the last meeting and cleaning it up and smoothing it out. And literally Plan B is the same as Todd's. It is very close and that one, Plan B for me was basically, using Mr. Fisher's recommendation of you know, the existing District but moving things to where they work. Mathematically, and keeping Suntree NVR as a whole. We've heard that is a consistent message in the room. That's why wanted to make sure that I did that in my map. Clearly, is part of a record but I do know that they need to be thought about with Mr. Weiler and Todd's in play. Yes, Mr. Jordan

Robert Jordan: I started off the conversation asking about Commissioner Tobia. But now I've learned that Ms. Minus I guess you come up with this or should be hers?

Steve Crisafulli: Yes.

Yvonne Minus: Are not plagiarizing, my name is on it.

Steve Crisafulli: Yes, moving forward that is certainly her map.

Alberta Wilson: Mr. Chair?

Steve Crisafulli: Yes.

Alberta Wilson: Point of clarification. on your Plan A, you mentioned marrying Mr. Jordan's map and who was the other person?

Steve Crisafulli: Mr. Weiler

Alberta Wilson: Mr. Weiler?

Steve Crisafulli: Yes, that was the map from I guess the last meeting.

Alberta Wilson: Okay, I will take a look at that.

Steve Crisafulli: Mr. Gattle.

Josiah Gattle: Some issues, PCA 3 and the Weiler plan. There's a section running along Fisk, in line with Range Road and PCA 3. That's what we were specifically referring to with Mr. Weiler and Mr. Jordan's Plan As an area of concern.

Steve Crisafulli: Okay. Very good. Members, now we are at a point of where to be go from here? We've obviously got a lot of information to adjust bringing the maps home and studying them over the next week is the plan that I had kind of thought that we could work from. Knowing that it is hard to digest everything in one meeting. But I would encourage you to go home and look through this stuff and try to get understanding of where you as an individual see these Districts needing to be. Again, keeping in mind I think -- just as we are under Sunshine said do not communicate with other members of the committee on the maps and on the business before us. But the plan is to come back next week and try to work this down to a couple of concepts. Maybe 3 if we have to but we will have to get serious about it. The hope is that we can kind of get there and then start massaging a plan. The Plan At this point is to do that and come back the following week and try to have a final map that we can kind of work offer from the 3 that we put next weekend that would be the goal and that we bring it to the supervisors office for them to look through, there would certainly be things that need to be fixed based off of the information they give back when they get down into the weeds on precincts. We might have to come back as a committee and tweak those things but that's the goal of the committee as we sit here tonight.

Jason Steele: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can we have more than definitions with the lines in the beach communities? Because I couldn't figure that out at all. I didn't know her District 3, I didn't know whether it was splitting in the Atlantic or not splitting the Atlantic. There's really no definition on these lines and where they are fallen into play.

Steve Crisafulli: James, can you? I guess the best thing to do would be to reach out to James on that. I think there is definition, there's different colors for different lines for city lines, correct James?

James Shives: Yes, the city municipality boundaries are shaded, I will admit they are hard to see on the maps. We can work together to highlight that.

Jason Steele: Thank you very much.

Steve Crisafulli: This next week is certainly, this next week is certainly something you know that you will take that time to communicate with James and staff on any questions you have on these things. And I would ask staff that if an issue was brought up or questions brought up that you feel is pertinent to others in this committee, to share the information as it may come up. I mean, a question that clearly needs to be defined for the rest of the committee members is leaving discretion on what you think might be important to the rest of the committee members. But from the standpoint of if there is something like that that is just not defined and you think it would be helpful to the rest of the committee, please do share that with the rest of us. We do have public comment still to go through. Yes?

Sue Schmitt: I said earlier is going to ask the committee to get permission for the overlay of Suntime. James needs a committee Commissioner to do that.

Steve Crisafulli: Is that a motion?

Sue Schmitt: Yes it is, and to work with Mr. Foley who is the manager.

Steve Crisafulli: Second?

Jason Steele: Second

Steve Crisafulli: Okay we have a motion and a 2nd. All in favor?

All: Aye

Steve Crisafulli: All right James, if you can do that and then send it out this week, to the committee just to show overlay so that everyone understands where those boundaries are.

Sue Schmitt: Okay. Do you need clarification what the motion was?

James Shives: No, I was already able to get that for Suntime I can make the changes going forward. And I guess the one thing I will say if there is any additional information like percentages, demographics, and the change areas, feel free to email me or I'll try to include those going forward. With more reports that I will present.

Steve Crisafulli: Very good. Any other business for the committee before we go to public comment? Yes?

Kendall Moore: As a procedural matter going forward, you talked about looking at the maps at the next meeting. We use the word map, that is presuming that if there was a map that we were in favor of, I'll just pick any one of them it means that we have to agree to PCA 135. Rough 5. Ultimately these have a ripple effect on each here so from your guidance Mr. Chairman with the committee, we would like to look at isolating those individual changes as opposed to approving a global map that may have 3 or 4 changes and impact in D1 versus 2 verses -- as compared to 3 versus 5 may be dramatically different. Looking at them on an individual basis I think may be more productive.

Steve Crisafulli: That was my comment on marrying the maps at a later point. It is exactly that. We will have to sit down here and a motion will be made to accept a map with PCA 1 of this 1 PCA 2 and go through it. That would be how we carry forward. then we would have James put it together and come back the next committee meeting and see what that looks like. And even then we will have to massage it. Because there will be questions that need to still be answered because they will not marry up exactly. To your point I think that is how we will have to move forward. It is to do exactly that and as a committee agree on the portions we will carry forward. Mr. Fisher?

Robin Fisher: Mr. Chairman, I'm looking at some of the population swings for example, thinking one of your maps D4 it seems like a huge swing to 8000 in District, I would like to see how that compared to the last time we did that. In my mind 8000 people maybe voted 4 years ago or 2 years ago all of a sudden, they've got new representation were 17,000 people. I would like to see how that compared last time. It is really something we want to look at. It is a bigger swing than the population, percentage and all that.

Steve Crisafulli: Jim is bringing some -

Jim Leisenfelt: This is what ended up the last time, that was a deviation. But it does not tell you, we get the data on how many people, I think we can get you that. I'm not sure if we can get the exact data on how many were re-populated.

Robin Fisher: Is that just me?

Jim Leisenfelt: No, it's based off of the County. We've had that much growth I would say, it certainly is significant.

Robin Fisher: Certainly caught my attention.

Steve Crisafulli: We've had that much growth but they've got to go someplace. [laughter] unless y'all are going to change the Commissioners. I will leave that to y'all – Abby

Abigail Jorandby: Yes, based off of a couple of discussions we had, I would encourage members to work individually with James just fully observing the sunshine. If staff does send out an information to the committee as a whole, please do not reply all, or have a discussion about any of those items, it's information for you so you can come back next Monday and have it ready but always be cognizant of the sunshine.

Steve Crisafulli: Yes. Thank you for that reminder. any further business before go to public comment?

Josiah Gattle: Can we have all the maps digitally distributed to all of the members?

Steve Crisafulli: Yes, that is absolutely, we will have everything digitally.

Jim Liesenfelt: We have it in one pdf file so we can email it to the committee.

Steve Crisafulli: Okay. Any other business?

E. Public Comment

Steve Crisafulli: Seeing none we will go to public comment now. All right. First up, we will not do a clock because we will all work together here, right? Because they deserve to be heard but we'll have to respect each other here. Mr. Foley, you are recognized. Yes, come on up. Is that microphone on? Okay.

Todd Foley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and committee members. I very much appreciate your service towards this. My name is Todd Foley, General Manager for Suntree Master Homeowner's Association. I will leave up here, Suntree community maps. I think the overlay is probably going to solve most of that, but it's probably the best place. As many of you know, Suntree is 4500 home communities in central Brevard, there are a number of businesses that make up that along the Wickham corridor. I come to you today opposed to any Redistricting plan that may divide Suntree. As many of you know, 4 years ago, Suntree became as a pod. The concept is almost null and void at the point because we are fully developed. It doesn't mean the legacy goes away in the way that we govern Suntree as -- Suntree in regards to utilities and maintenance. Those organizations are grievance whether they are written or on plots and things of that nature are very difficult for us to have anything other than single source representation. Literally, a month does not go by where I'm not in communication with either a staff member or Commissioner in regards to something that may have happened years ago on Suntree during development plan. And could not imagine that scale trying to accommodate that with either 2 or 3 different

Commissioners in the future. I would ask you to consider any type of Redistricting. I am open for any communication that goes with that. What District we fall in isn't as important as we have single source representation. I'm available for questions.

Steve Crisafulli: Very good, thank you.

Todd Foley: Thank you.

Steve Crisafulli: Mr. Ratterman.

Jack Ratterman: I want to thank everyone for coming here because everyone would like to be home eating dinner for sure. I appreciate that coming here. We cannot know where we are going unless we know where we've been. And I think I can tell you a little bit about Merritt Island. I would on Merritt Island 64 years. I taught they are taught at the high school, taught over in Cocoa at the high school. But I love my Island. Merritt Island is the only community that has stickers that people have on their cars that says, I love my Island. And you can see them everywhere. Merritt Island is the only community that has a magazine. Merritt Island magazine. It is just for Merritt Island. and in north Merritt Island, the newsletter that's been around at homeowner's association the spin around 30 years. We also published a monthly newsletter. Merritt Island, I never think of Merritt Island unless you think of the whole Island. And there is no division at the canal or the beeline or expressway or any of that. Merritt Island is the whole Island. When I go shopping and I'll think of going to Titusville. When I go to the County Commissioner office I'm not driving 12 miles to the County Commissioner office when our County Commissioner is just across the barge canal. So any plan to divide the Island is not -- any plan that would do that is extreme trauma and I was almost a death blow. You cannot divide a community like that. There would be severe repercussions in a community itself. So, I would like to suggest that you really think about that. We have a community that is very active and we support change. But not that kind of change. Thank you.

Steve Crisafulli: Mr. Bennardo.

Phil Bennardo: Hi, I'm Phil Bennardo, President of the North Merritt Island Homeowner's Association. We represent all of North Merritt Island. Basically about 9000 residents and we have a special board meeting yesterday and all of us agree that we disagree with any recommendation that removes us from District 2 into District 1. For several reasons, I'll try not to repeat everything that Jack said, but I do agree with that. First of all, moving us to District 1 when we change our identity. All of us that live on North Merritt Island pretty much

exclusively. We go to central Merritt Island to shop, the kids go to school, to go to church, to go to the doctor. Basically, that is our identity. I think a lot of residents will be angry about this change because it does break up a community. And there's also a push for certain people that would like to see us eventually get incorporated. And we do think of ourselves as one community. another thing that would be an issue is distance to County resources. The Merritt Island service complex is like 5 minutes away for all of us. That's where we go to see the County Commissioner to talk to the director to talk to dependent special District board meetings. All that if we move it to Titusville, it's over 1/2 hour away. Then they will be building a new bridge that's probably going to be longer than that. I would add if the County Commissioner needs to see something on north Merritt Island, about a 5 minute drive, sometimes he comes to our meetings, our community meetings. Also, we been working with MIRA trying to get MIRA dollars on North Merritt Island. I think we are getting closer to that. Splitting this into 2 CRAs, I'm not sure what that would do. We have concerns. Infrastructure funding. I think we moved to District when the budget will probably move with it. But I don't know if would still be a priority. You establish budgets, and are used to manage facility projects, at the space center. Into, get into and the cost is more than what you budgeted for. Will we still be a priority? That's a change. And one other thing I like to say is that north Merritt Island, Merritt Island and north Merritt Island, we have issues that are unique and different from Titusville and the rest of District 1. We have environmental concerns, flooding concerns, just almost completely surrounded by the river lagoon. Cruise ship parking. We've a lot of undeveloped property. There is planned subdivisions that the governor announced today, this new terrain orbital will be bringing 2100 jobs to the area. I have a feeling a lot of people will want to live on north Merritt Island. So again, we disagree with any recommendation that would motivate us out of District 2 to District 1.

Steve Crisafulli: Thank you. Chris Cook.

Chris Cook: Good evening, I just want to build on what they said and agree with everything they said. North Merritt Island is a real cohesive community and to break it up would really be breaking up a geographic - which is against your guidelines. I have a couple of questions. Is the public ever going to get to view the maps or when will they? I'm just curious. Can I ask a question?

Steve Crisafulli: It will be on the record. They will be posted on the website.

Chris Cook: Thanks. Also, when these are presented to the County Commissioner -- I'm sorry from coming in late. Does the County Commissioner just approve it or can they modify your final recommendation?

Steve Crisafulli: They will approve or disapprove it.

Chris Cook: They will not play around with it at all? Up or down?

Steve Crisafulli: It would be sent back to this Commissioner. This committee would be responsible for any changes.

Chris Cook: Okay.

Steve Crisafulli: And I have full faith in our County Commissioners.

Chris Cook: Okay, all right. And be careful when you redraw these lines that you do not redraw them so that the County Commissioners are moved out of their Districts. I don't know how that would be handled.

Steve Crisafulli: Thank you for your comments.

Chris Cook: Thank you. [laughter]

Steve Crisafulli: Sandra Sullivan.

Sandra Sullivan: Thank you for all you do. I'm here on my birthday.

Steve Crisafulli: Happy birthday!

Sandra Sullivan: Thank you. So, on the beaches, I just wanted to make a point that as you look at this, maybe one of the reasons that they had divided up the beaches, and a hurricane event, they are the most susceptible area of damage so I will put that out there. I also wanted to mention, with an upcoming election and D2 and D4 will be new Commissioners. We do not want to see influence from Commissioners and to keep them out of that. I have concerns being at these Commissioners being at these meetings considering that they have appointees on the board. And I also have a question if there are 2 Commissioners at a meeting, should they be advertised as in past meetings? And I was, about optics of the board. You know, it is not supposed to be the Commissioners devising maps, it is supposed to be the appointees. So I would just, I think it is inappropriate as a Commissioner, Commissioner 24/7 for them to be speaking here or even doing their own maps and not the appointees. Thank you.

Steve Crisafulli: Gina Lindhorst.

Gina Lindhorst: Good evening. My name is Gina Lindhorst I live in north Merritt Island. I just want to state a couple of things that I think that the discussion here is interesting. There is a lot of interesting things to say. Dividing our County into these 4 Districts or 5 Districts is important work and of course, for the future. I think a rearrangement according to socioeconomic or race status is when Redistricting is

unseemly significant changes when there is little to no benefit except to unfairly change the balance of more racial and it will be wise to distribute our County more evenly according to property value, tax dollar revenue. A condensed high value property of population quantity should be more evenly allocated as contiguous as possible using natural boundaries like current roads and city boundaries.as a start. Diversity is good, equity to each District is best. Thank you.

Steve Crisafulli: Thank you. Ms. Mary Hillberg.

Mary Hillberg: Good evening. First, I like to thank everyone here who has been volunteered in good faith to do well and improve the community and the dig is wonderful. You are the heart of good government I think. As a Native, I have been in the District 74 years. So, I still beat everyone so far! And agree with the discrete objection to the general man and gentle woman when it comes to the issues that we were discussing earlier about Redistricting. Having read all of maps and viewed all the videos of the committee this far, I have an opinion on 2 items. Number 1, as in the previous meeting Mr. Fisher already noted that by using the 5 percent target with good reasons for that, there's really no reason to juggle. Know it is sounds terrible because you been working so hard and all of that but I'm sure you will continue it. But really if you look at the numbers, there really isn't that much of a reason to juggle. And next time there would be but not necessarily this time. And it is very disruptive. This would save an awful lot of staff, as well as time as well as taxpayer money. And it is very economically a tenuous time I think. The 2nd issue that I have was a suggestion to create a minority majority District which was shocking to say the least, in particular because it was not automatically or immediately declined by everyone. To congregate our citizens by economic socioeconomic status, race, religion, or ethnicity in terms of a District, a County District shocking to say the least in my opinion. Further, as were bound by charter to 5 Districts the implication is one of them would be this minority majority District which is inappropriate. The Supreme Court has led political party gerrymandering to the detriment of many in my opinion, our Commissioner is not partisan. And should remain so. No other characteristics are appropriate to use to determine Districts as a tool. One of the best parts of Brevard County is a mixture of its cultures and people and ideas. And to target or restrict or contain any group is against our ideals. We would hope that this is not followed by this Commissioner in any event. And I want to thank you again for your service.

Steve Crisafulli: Thank you. Next up, Commissioner Lober.

Bryan Lober: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I've got quite a few things I wanted to touch base on I will try not to be too repetitive. I think there been some good points raised up by folks that have been up before me. In fact I wanted to give you numbers based on calculations of either seen or done myself. As far as Josiah 's proposal to potentially add additional Commissioner spots. The direct cost would be somewhere in the ballpark of 400,000 per spot added. Plus indirect cost in the ballpark of 250 ? 300,000. Direct cost including the compensation, benefits, office expenses, including rent, utilities, rent may not apply to everyone if they are in a government building. But of course, opportunity cost. travel, the Commissioner traveling to the Viera I do and alternatively others have done heavy senior staff travel to their office to do briefings. Which certainly adds up, copy and other leases there are some expenses. I'm not saying you should or should not have a particular opinion about it I just wanted to give me a ballpark in terms of what I see as being the rough cost of that. You're looking ballpark 700 and 750. Whether it's worth it to someone or not subjective question but that is roughly what we are looking at. Mr. Gattle also mentioned earlier today and thankfully previous meetings as well, concern over the stormwater. I was asked outside of this meeting actually not by anyone on this particular committee, but by a couple of constituents, white was brought up and why it was a concern as far as in march and ordered given to any or all of my appointees. pointed out one example that just came to mind without having to think too hard. Silver pines in Rockledge or unincorporated Rockledge I should say. Looking at an area that was in District 4 a decade ago that became part of District 2. When that happened, roughly 3/4 of \$1 million which was allocated to do drainage improvements, stormwater improvements in the area vanished. We are about a decade later 9 news had perhaps 3 significant floods of impacted property owners there. We are finally coming up on roughly the same amount of money to be able to do it. Again, I do not want to do that to any of my colleagues on the Commissioner. But I also don't want them to do that to me. my goal is just to have an ability to service the needs of my constituents wherever they may be whether it is north Merritt Island, West Cocoa, Rockledge, I just think it is something that frankly all of the Commissioners would appreciate not being settled with something that's been programmed for number of years to receive funding, just to have it vanished. I'm pretty blunt. So, I will just be blunt with this. When a question came up to Abby, and I'm not just referring

to the majority minority proposal. I don't have a position on that because of not had time to adjust what I've seen thus far. May be great, maybe terrible I really don't know. Until I dig into it but when someone asks either County Attorney or incoming County Attorney, about the possibilities of a meritorious lawsuit or any lawsuit for that matter, I can tell you taking my Commissioner hat off for a moment and putting on my attorney hat, and my colleague here Mr. Moore constantly do the same although he may not be this much of a rush to voice this particular sentiment. But you're never going to have Abby or Eden or anyone of County Attorney's office say it's a clear loser if we do that we have the crapshoot. Guess what it will be? I will just tell you, read between the lines, whether it is a question that came up today or any subsequent question that you posed to Abby. She is not going to tell you have a clear loser, even if we have a clear loser. Regardless of what the prospect is. I'm not saying she necessarily treaded to the level with respect to the proposal today, just call your attention to it. Other than that, as I mentioned I agree with much of what was said by the folks that came before me. The gentleman from Suntree and others. I think the biggest quandary this particular board has to figure out is what to do with D1. And the rest to a degree may fall in place. The fact is it is situated where it is. We can -- we can control but cannot control where it is at present only where it will go in the future. And trying to keep things contiguous obviously they are only certain directions, cardinal directions in which you can move, can tell you as well, that I think there are, there are a lot of folks are not necessarily here that have strong opinions one way or the other. I will echo the concern that came up with respect to the maps being made publicly available. I'm not saying they're not and I'm not saying they will be posted in short order but to the degree that those could be more widely disseminated, I think it can't hurt. I can tape people are very concerned. Not necessarily just my constituents but others as well. That they have access to do just that because the fact is, even as a Commissioner, with 3 appointees myself onto nights meeting, some of the stuff I saw this evening was brand-new to me. And the fact is what I love or hate it, coming up for public comment when there's really not an opportunity to meaningfully review the items, it delays the comments to a subsequent meeting and I think you may have more beneficial input, especially if you're looking at starting votes to narrow down the number of maps to his soft PCAs. I think I've gone on long enough, thank you all for your service.

Steve Crisafulli: That will conclude public comments. With that, any further business? The meeting is adjourned.

F. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned by Steve Crisafulli at 7:20pm
- b. Next meeting – Monday, October 4, 2021
- c. Attachments in separate file – Mapping Proposals