

Meeting Minutes 3/2/2023 Mapping Subcommittee Meeting

Member Attendance: Dr. Harris, Marshall Ogier, Janika White, Brook Berlin

Approval of last meetings minutes

Press release was released about community maps for March 17th

Mapping Evaluation Process

- Need process that takes questions out of the process
- Dr. Harris will present a format to help evaluate
 - This will include proportionality
 - Also could include keeping communities together
 - This will be an unbiased rubric for judging and follow the legal criteria as well.
- Maps need to be in a shape file or pdf file
- Suggest that maps are accompanied with a data format so that it can be verified.
- In the county, an FTP site was uploaded so that mapping could be evaluated.
- Maps can then be loaded to the council website
- We will create instructions for the public to create their own maps.
- Need to have criteria for submission with address and map
- We will have instructions loaded to the city website and sent out and all information needed to make maps
- Will complete the instructions by Monday March 6th
- We will get instructions to Mr. Bachus tomorrow

Map Presentation and review

- Go through current maps
- Looked at one option Dr. Harris has created based on communities
- Include a link to the graphic with the census data for the public
- Would like a map created with a key and names for current council members

Map Eval Form

- Form has different weights based on category
- Legality has the highest weights

Going through the process of creating instructions

- Discussion on how the maps are drawn and that it is inherently political
- Public comment from Fred Dorse
 - The process is political and the Black community should have representation in the districts based on population in the city.
 - Dr. Harris mentioned his maps are based on a blank slate
- Comment from community member Fred Dorse
 - Asking if super districts will affect African Americans voting power
- Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.