

**Brooklyn Park Charter Commission**  
**Special Meeting Agenda**  
**Saturday, February 19, 2022, 1:00 p.m.**

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call
  
2. New Business
  - 2.1 Review of the New Legislative Redistricting Maps/Boundaries affecting Brooklyn Park
  - 2.2 Review of Public Comments submitted by the Communications Manager  
**2.2A** PUBLIC COMMENTS
  - 2.3 Next Steps - Redistricting
  
3. Adjournment

*Commission members are asked to let Devin Montero, Staff Liaison, know if you won't be able to attend this meeting. Devin can be reached by phone (763-493-8180) or by email ([devin.montero@brooklynpark.org](mailto:devin.montero@brooklynpark.org)).*

**City of Brooklyn Park**

**CHARTER COMMISSION Attachments**

<b>Agenda Item No.:</b>	<b>2.2A</b>	<b>Meeting Date:</b>	February 19, 2022
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Devin Montero	<b>Presented By:</b>	Dennis Secara, Chair

**Attachments:**

2.2A PUBLIC COMMENTS



### Redistricting public comments received as of February 15, 2022

ID	Name2	Comments	Neighborhood
1	Andrew Leonard	Not sure if this applies to redistricting, but I'd like to see a larger City Council with more voices. We're a city of 80,000+ residents with only 6 councilmembers, plus the mayor. My hometown had a population under 10,000 and had 5 council members plus the mayor. Give us more representatives and more voices at the table	Willowstone
2	EricPone	Please focus on expanding city council. The city is too dense for the few representatives. And please ensure that we stay within the 3rd congressional district	Sunny Lane
3	dassith	it is a great city to live in	Brookdale Park
4	Connie Towey	I do not think that any redistricting should be focused on a certain political party as it has been in some states, who based it on the number of Republicans in certain districts, so that they have a favorable majority. We need to keep our great county free of political interests, so that it does not restrict any voting rights of any of the citizens to ensure we keep our democracy intact.	Candlewood
5	Shanasha Whitson	Are what you all doing moving black and brown voices to follow the needs of the people? Will these redistricting lines increase access to resources for black and brown communities?	Sunny Lane
6	Steven palmberg	No gerrymandering for specific ethnic groups..	Norwood
7	Karen Raum	Do not change the districts, it is a mode to help parties gain voting advantages.	Tessman
8	Steven Chesney	Comparing the current district boundaries to the December 29, 2021 indicates there will be substantial change from redistricting if the guidelines are followed. The North-South "chimney" paradigm we have now totally ignores the legislative and socio-economic boundaries symbolized by 85th Avenue which (ever since I can remember) has symbolized the divide between two Brooklyn Parks.	Birch Grove



9	Christina V	Gerrymandering is what is wrong with the political system and should be illegal. Why would you bunch together a bunch of people on one side of the political spectrum and then bunch more together on the other side of the political spectrum- oh yes, just so then each political party is guaranteed their vote. If Gerrymandering is going to be used, it should be used to group together people of different ages, backgrounds, ethnicities and political views. It shouldn't be as easy as "look I can win this district if we move these people here and those people there" a political candidate should have to show why they are the most worthwhile candidate, not just winning by automatically moving districts around. Gerrymandering is an abhorrent practice that should not be used or encouraged by any political candidate with an ounce of morals.	Willowstone
10	Xiongpao Lee	Brooklyn Park is a majority minority city, our new districts should be majority minority as well, thank you.	Edinburgh
11	Joanne Mann	Does the redistricting reflect the diversity in the population? Is the sample close to what is proposed? Does the redistricting change the number of representatives? Is the restricting fair and equitable?	Sunny Lane
12	Chad Reickard	I fully support redistricting Brooklyn Park based on the 2020 Census data and following the city, school, and state requirements to keep our neighborhoods equal as possible.	Tessman
13	Steve Borgstrom	Make sure that we have equity in our voting. Every resident of BP should have an equal vote. I love this town and want it to be an example of kindness, equity, and opportunity!	Edinburgh
14	CATHY	Remember we have a non political/partisan race. Keep it fair and each district even (as possible).	Edinburgh
15	Amanda Nerud	Pleas just keep it non-partisan, or as bi-partisan as possible.	Tessman



16	Patricia Flugaur	Wow, what a puzzle. Aligning with school district boundaries as well as State District boundaries is good if doable. The only thing I would like to add is looking at where there will still be large growth in Brooklyn Park and establish boundaries now that will be less likely to change in another 10 years. Such as loading the East District a little heavier this time because we know there will be growth in the West and Central districts. In fact if a census would be done now, I would expect the West and Central are already larger than the 2020 census shows.	Willowstone
17	Michael V Nelson	as you draw the precient lines keep in mind the School Districts lines. We do not want to repeat the problem that occured 20 plus years ago where voters were given ballots for a School election for a district that they did not live in.	Hartkopf
18	Patricia Flugaur	Another thought is I think it's important that all 3 districts have representation in the South and Middle and Northern sections of the city. For example, the "example" you give as a proposal, the Central district does not extend to the Northern border of the city. I would not like to see that happen.	Willowstone
19	Dave Johnson	I live in West 1R and I like having the school district being the precinct line so we don't have multiple ballots when the school districts are on the ballot. I don't know why we can't have regular precinct names however instead of W-1R and W-1O, just W-1 and W-2 is simpler.	Lakeland Park
20	Lynn phillips	If my polling place changes, I will be less apt to vote.	Palmer Lake
21	Cory Funk	No changes needed. There has been little housing change in the East District to require this.	Willowstone
22	Gary Anonen	I don't believe it affects me.	Brookdale Park
23	DONNA SCHECK	With redistricting, please prioritize the interests of those who have lower voices - not so loud as others - who want to feel comfortable, safe, welcomed, and valued by Brooklyn Park. Policies to help them at a community, state, and national level are important to me	Edinburgh
24	Kevin Willms	I am not sure at this time what comments that I might have.	Hartkopf
25	Teresa M. Ward	Thanks for the information, transparency.	Greenhaven



26	VISWANATHAN RAJAN	DEAR SIR.I RESIDE AT COIMBATORE, TAMILNADU INDIA. HENCE NOT APPLICABLE	Candlewood
27	Elaine Zimmer	<p>I appreciated all the new info I learned reading your informative email. I understand how important this is to do every 10 years.</p> <p>Most of my thoughts turned to changes in the district boundaries and voting. I think it's important to have actual voting locations spread equidistant from voters (based on population) in all the districts. Because I am a senior, that has become more important to me. I want to experience voting in person but I don't want to have to drive too far to do it.</p> <p>When reminder voting cards are mailed out, the print should be large and easy to read and the location(s) to vote should also be easy to read.</p> <p>All in all, I realize when redistricting that it is not an easy job to please everyone and I'm glad to see there are strict guidelines to doing that also.</p>	Bass Creek
28	John Kiekow	Boundaries should be set strictly to apportion equal populations into each district. Other factors such as average household income. ethnic or racial groups, rental or homeownership should not enter into the decision.	Tessman
29	Collette Guyott-Hempel	<p>All council members should serve all housing types equally. Every district should serve both school districts and have equal number of apartments.</p> <p>I'm sick and tired of apartments all being built in central district Zane corridor especially the excessive number of studio and one bedroom that can not serve families with adequately.</p>	Trinity Gardens
30	Steve	No jerrymandering by race	Norwood
31	Steve	Don't base on race, ethnicity	Norwood
32	Annette Johnson	Working for the parks	Brookdale Park
33	Gregory Midthun	Do not like to new Blue Line down the center of Bottineau Blvd. If that happens. I might as will move back to Chicago. That won't happen. But I will move out of Brooklyn Park!	Lakeland Park



34	Erica Lauinger	I like that you're doing this but my question is what happened to rentals? Do they claim like the four people that live there now or do they claim just the people that own the property? I am glad that you are doing this because of lot of new housing developments that are popping up,	Founders
35	Michelle	Please keep aware of even subtle changes that could be interpreted as trying to skew voting for example to favor one party over another. Honest, transparent processes keep the community members feeling represented and good in general.	Trinity Gardens
36	Kenya Brown	I really like the example where the central district area is shortened on the north side of the map.	Candlewood
37	PRISCILLA XIONG	In regards to school boundaries, I would like to see it that the Tessman neighborhood be included as part of West District. Our neighborhood block alone currently has 12 elementary students at Edinbrook. We love our neighbor and the neighborhood, but we feel the crowd on the bus, at the school, inside the classroom. As our kids approach middle school in the next year or two, many of the parents have expressed frustration why the kids aren't able to attend Osseo Middle School. In fact, some of us have even considered MOVING so our kids can have the same friends from middle school to high school. Instead, our assigned home school is North View, 4 miles from where we live. Osseo Middle School is 2 miles. Not only that, our assigned high school is Osseo High - meaning, many of the students would have been from Osseo Middle School. Our kids would have to make new friends as teenagers...as if being a teenager isn't difficult already. As a parent of 3 elementary children in the over-populated Central district, I ask that you please consider our children in part of this re-zoning and help see it that Tessman neighborhood be part of the West District. Thank you for your time.	Tessman
38	John Schaefer	In order to better equalize social/economic groups among the districts, consideration should be given to establishing the 3 districts with borders running on an east/west basis as opposed to the current north/south basis such that there would be a South District/Central District/North District.	Eidem