

Draft Minutes  
Election Advisory Panel  
August 17, 2011

Members present:

Leslie Goller, chair, Scott Wiley, Dan O'Connor, Joe Mosley, and Patt Sher (phone)

Member(s) absent:

Kathy Carithers, Natalie Alden, and Tracie Collier

Visitor:

Justin Gicalone

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by EAP chair, Leslie Goller.

Old Business:

Member Status-

J. Mosley's term will expire leaving a vacant appointment position and will need to appoint new member. J. Cockrell's absence from meetings brought up the importance of members participation in EAP. Panel will vote to send formal letter to J. Cockrell in regards to his position with EAP.

Duval County Redistricting-

L. Goller sent letter to Dr. J. Gaffney in regards to reapportionment.

J. Gicalone introduced to the panel the map of the City of Jacksonville Redistricting 2011 Plan 8/8 v3.1. S.Wiley noted complaints of the possibility of District 13 moving near the Deerwood/Southside area.

State Redistricting Status-

L. Goller stated local redistricting is doing better as far as having maps available for the public, whereas it's frustrating with the state redistricting since there are no maps available to the public.

Political Signage-

J. Mosley stated there is a fine per sign not removed after an election. D. O'Connor expressed the panel should research the language of the political signage laws.

New Business:

2011 Special Election (New Election Laws, Early Voting, Voter Reg)- Tony Hill accepted position with the Mayor's office, resulting in a Special Election to fill the Senate Seat 1 position. L. Goller inquired "How will the new election laws affect this Special Election?" J. Gicalone stated that Early Voting has been reduced from fourteen days down to eight days and will only take place at the SOE Main and Gateway Branch locations for this Special Election. L. Goller asked, "Why those two locations?" J. Gicalone explained the two locations both fall into the district involved in the election. Also stated Flagler, Volusia, St. Johns, and Nassau counties are affected in this election.

J. Gicalone explained to the panel the law changes that took effect with the Third Party Voter Registration process.

Update re Voting Equipment-

D. O'Connor expressed his election experience with the AutoMARK machine and questioned if it was a headphone issue or a volume issue. L. Goller suggested to D. O'Connor to participate in L&A to test the sound on the AutoMARK. Also suggested placing the AutoMARK in a location in the precinct where noise is minimal. J. Gicalone will notify Tracie of the issue and pass it along within training.

L. Goller inquired on the status of new voting equipment. J. Gicalone stated there are two bids out for election equipment, still pending certification and approval.

Update re new SOE Office location-

L. Goller asked J. Gicalone on an update in regards to a new SOE Office location. J. Gicalone explained Gateway location will still be available through 2012 elections. Approval for a new location falls with the Real Estate Division with the City.

Panel agreed to meet every other month. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned.