

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council  
Ad Hoc Committee Meeting for Redistricting  
September 26, 2011**

**Members:** Don Walters, Chair  
Jerry James  
Jeff Iula

Mr. Walters called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the September 12, 2011 Ad Hoc Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

**Discussion**

Mr. Walters stated there was a small difference between the census numbers and the County map of 29 people. The new target is 6,206. His objective was to keep the boundaries contiguous. The biggest change was to Ward 5, which doubled in area because it had to cut into Ward 8 to the north and then shed some to the south. A summary of his proposal is as follows:

Ward 1	Gains 189 from Ward 7 in the northeast corner Loses 175 to Ward 2 in the northwest corner
Ward 2	Gains 175 from Ward 1
Ward 3	Gains 476 from Ward 4 on eastern edge Loses 479 to Ward 8 because Ward 5 had to go north to get a contiguous area
Ward 4	Gains 840 from Ward 5 at the northern and northeast edge Loses 476 to Ward 3 on the western edge
Ward 5	Gains 1,370 from Ward 8 to the north Loses 958 to Ward 6 on the eastern edge Loses 80 to Ward 7 at the bottom edge
Ward 6	Gains 958 from Ward 5 on the western edge Loses 574 to Ward 7 at the southwest tip
Ward 7	Gains 80 at the bottom edge Gains 574 from Ward 6 at the southeast edge Loses 189 to Ward 1 on the southwest edge
Ward 8	Gains 479 from Ward 3 Loses 1,370 to Ward 5

He said there were several ways this could be done. He followed the census blocks. The numbers came out good and the territory comes out good. It puts the numbers where they need to be. The most important thing to remember is that whoever is losing territory must communicate to the gaining member any information

regarding issues in that area. He stated he would wait to get public input in two weeks. Once Council passes the ordinance, it will become the official map of Cuyahoga Falls.

Mr. James stated Mr. Walters has done a lot of work and did an incredible job. The proposal seems fair. Mrs. Colavecchio also appreciated the hard work Mr. Walters did. Mr. Iula asked when this would go into effect. Mr. Walters stated it would be when the ordinance is passed, which must be before January 1. It would not affect this upcoming election. The Board of Elections will have a lot of work to do for precincts. Mr. Iula asked what would happen if someone running for Council in this election lived in a certain ward now but would be bumped to another ward with this proposal. Mr. Walters stated that happened with Mr. Potts and Mr. Schmidt the last time ward boundaries were redrawn. It did not affect that election but it did affect the following one. The Charter states if this is passed before the General Election, it would take effect. When this is passed, it becomes law, but it will not pass until after the election. He made sure no one was being cut out of their ward. Ms. Jones asked if Mr. Walters was aware of any candidate that may be cut out of a ward. Mr. Walters did not know who those people were or where they lived so he did not look at that. He just made sure he protected current Council members. Mrs. Colavecchio asked about reconfiguring precincts. Mr. Walters stated that was up to the Board of Elections. They will be doing this for all of the cities in the County. He recommended that everyone review this proposal for the next meeting. He will make sure there are larger maps available when this is discussed in Council. Mrs. Pyke pointed out there was a candidate who would be drawn out of his ward. Mr. Rubino asked if an ordinance could be written to take effect at a later date. Ms. Jones stated it could not because you would be acting for a Council that does not yet exist.

He scheduled the next meeting for October 10, 2011 at 6:31, immediately after the Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.