

Suggested Principles for the Process of Choosing Members of the Advisory Group

1. The appointment process for members of the Advisory Group to work with the Charter Commission to redistrict the Minneapolis Wards and Park Districts will begin in late 2011 or early 2012.
2. Prior to the appointment process, the Charter Commission will write a proposed job description and application form for members of the Advisory Group. The Charter Commission may establish a committee of the Commissioners to do this work and to accomplish 3 and 4 below.
3. The Charter Commission will hold a citywide meeting with the citizens to discuss the proposed job description and the application form for prospective members of the Advisory Group.
4. The Charter Commission or its committee will review the citizens' input and will finalize the job description and the application form for prospective members of the Advisory Group. The Charter Commission will approve the job description and the application form to be used to select Advisory Group members.
5. The Charter Commission will follow the procedure outlined in the Charter amendment to choose the members of the Advisory Group, including notifying the public where the applications for the Advisory Committee are available and the final date applications will be received, the City Clerk will receive the applications, and the types of people who are not qualified under the Charter to participate. .
6. The Charter Commission may appoint a committee of the body or use the Commission itself to review all applications of persons who qualify under the Charter and recommend members for the Advisory Committee. The process will be done in public meetings with the public being notified of the time, date and place of the public meetings. The Charter Commission will be looking for persons to serve on the Advisory Committee who will bring diversity to the redistricting group, are active citizens, have knowledge of the many communities within the city, and will serve on a non-partisan bases.
7. The major purpose of the Advisory Group is to bring added diversity and citizens' input to the redistricting process.
8. Persons applying and members chosen to the Advisory Group will always keep in mind that the redistricting group (Charter Commissioners and the Advisory Group) will be operating in a non-partisan manner. Therefore members of the Advisory Group, being an integrated part of the redistricting group, will operate in a non-partisan manner. They will not represent any City Council or

Park Board incumbents, political parties, political philosophy, potential candidates for the City Council or Park Commissioner in a Park District, special interests, ethnic or cultural interest, neighborhood groups, business neighborhood groups, neighborhood park associations, persons or organizations doing or planning to do business with the City of Minneapolis or the Park and Recreation Board. They are citizens representing all the citizens of the city.

9. Soon after the members of the Advisory Group are chosen, the redistricting group will meet and get to know one another. The redistricting group should then begin the process of redistricting if the Legislature has completed its process.