

1. Website content revision

Someone needs to decide who will develop language appropriate for the 2012 web site, correct the broken links and update statutory references. This could be one commissioner or a small group or the Clerk's staff drafting content for review by the full commission.

Quote from the City Clerk in the minutes of the September Charter Commission meeting: "He has discussed the creation of a new redistricting website with the BIS Department, and it is ready to go once there is content to place on the page. He deferred to the Charter Commission as the experts to provide the content for the website.

Determine whether to include everything redistricting in the 2012 web site. This includes the work done by the Commission and its committees on developing the principles, selecting the Advisory Group, and developing the rules.

Decisions are needed for possible minor structural changes, possibly adding a web page for resources, such as the Brennan report, and a process for deciding which resources to include.

Add a timeline to the web site, including the 2010 Census and Charter amendment.

Determine if there are standards for redistricting beyond those in the Charter and principles. Should this include references to federal law/legal opinions?

2. Public comments on redistricting

The Charter Commission needs to determine how, or if, it wishes to solicit public comment on the redistricting process.

One tool would be a web page that posts, hopefully quickly, all appropriate public comments on the process or maps. It is reasonable to have comments reviewed before posting, to ensure that they are not inappropriate. Appropriateness is generally determined by review against posted rules by a forum coordinator or similar.

One low-tech option is to have a posted email address for the public to use to submit comments which would then be reviewed and forwarded to Clerk for inclusion on the web page.

3. Web page for proposed plans, both maps and data.

Determine if plans developed by Redistricting Group staff will be posted on the web site.

Another issue is whether plans developed outside the Redistricting Group can be posted online in advance of a meeting. This first requires deciding if such plans will even be reviewed by the Redistricting Group. One process option is to require a plan to be sponsored by a Redistricting Group member or a limited number of organizations.

4. Plan for posting open meetings

Still in process at the committee.