



SPECIAL MEETING METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

**Thursday, March 31, 2011
4:00 pm**

**1417 Murfreesboro Road
Metro Southeast at Genesco Park**

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Commissioners Present:

Jim McLean, Chairman
Hunter Gee, Vice Chairman
Stewart Clifton
Derrick Dalton
Ana Escobar
Tonya Jones
Phil Ponder
Councilmember Jim Gotto

Staff Present:

Rick Bernhardt, Executive Director
Ann Hammond, Assistant Director
Kelly Armistead, Administrative Services Officer III
Craig Owensby, Public Information Officer
Dennis Corrieri, Planning Technician I
Jennifer Higgs, Division Manager
Bob Leeman, Planning Manager II
Brenda Bernards, Planner III
Jennifer Carlat, Planning Manager II
Cindy Wood, Planner III
Kyle Lampert, Planner I
David Kline, Mapping Manager
Doug Sloan, Legal

Commissioners Absent:

Judy Cummings
Andree LeQuire

Richard C. Bernhardt, FAICP, CNU-A

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MEETING AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Gee moved and Mr. Ponder seconded the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. (6-0)

C. OTHER BUSINESS

2010 Redistricting Plan

1. 2010 Redistricting Plan

Staff Reviewer: Planning Staff

Current Status

Not on Consent

Public Hearing

Not a Public Hearing

Approval of the 2010 Census Redistricting Plan for the Metropolitan Council and Board of Education.

Staff will present the proposed Redistricting Plan(s) at the Special Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission action will serve as a recommendation to the Metropolitan Council.

Mr. Bernhardt presented the Staff's Recommended Redistricting Plan, recommending approval.

Mr. Dalton in at 4:12 p.m.

Ms. Escobar in at 4:20 p.m.

Councilmember Gotto out at 4:24 p.m.

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Councilmember Gotto stated that the staff has done a great job but noted concerns with how fast the process is going.

Mr. Ponder thanked the staff for their hard work and stated that he feels the plan is fair.

Ms. Escobar thanked the staff noting a fast but thorough process.

Mr. Clifton stated that he learned a lot, feels that it has been very interactive process with appropriate public involvement.

Mr. Gee thanked the staff and commended them on their hard work.

Ms. Jones stated that the website is great and commended the staff on their tremendous efforts.

Mr. Dalton applauded the staff efforts, noting that website is excellent, very impressive and extremely helpful. Feels that it is a good plan overall.

Chairman McLean stated that it has been a great process in such a short amount of time.

Amendments or changes to Councilmanic Plan:

Mr. Dalton stated that he had no recommended changes at this time.

Ms. Jones expressed frustration with the Bellevue area, stating that she loved Plan A because it geographically split Bellevue like it should without disturbing any neighborhoods. She said she feels that it will be hard to engage the community with the Recommended Plan.

Mr. Dalton out at 4:51 p.m.

Mr. Dalton in at 4:53 p.m.

Mr. Bernhardt stated that staff worked on an alternate plan that took the Recommended Plan Districts 22 and 35 and adapted Plan A-Bellevue Option to it. Ms. Higgs showed this on a map.

Ms. Jones moved and Councilmember Gotto seconded the motion to amend the Recommended Plan for Districts 22 and 35 to include the Plan A- Bellevue Option.

Mr. Clifton asked to see what Districts 22 and 35 look like now versus the two options that are being discussed. Either the Recommend Plan or the Recommended Plan with the Bellevue Option meets the legal requirements, but it's critical to keep both districts as close as possible to the way they currently are.

Mr. Gee asked staff if they had any additional insight as to why the Recommended Plan's Bellevue Option is better.

Mr. Bernhardt stated that the Recommended Plan's Bellevue Option keeps environmentally sensitive areas together as well as preserves neighborhoods.

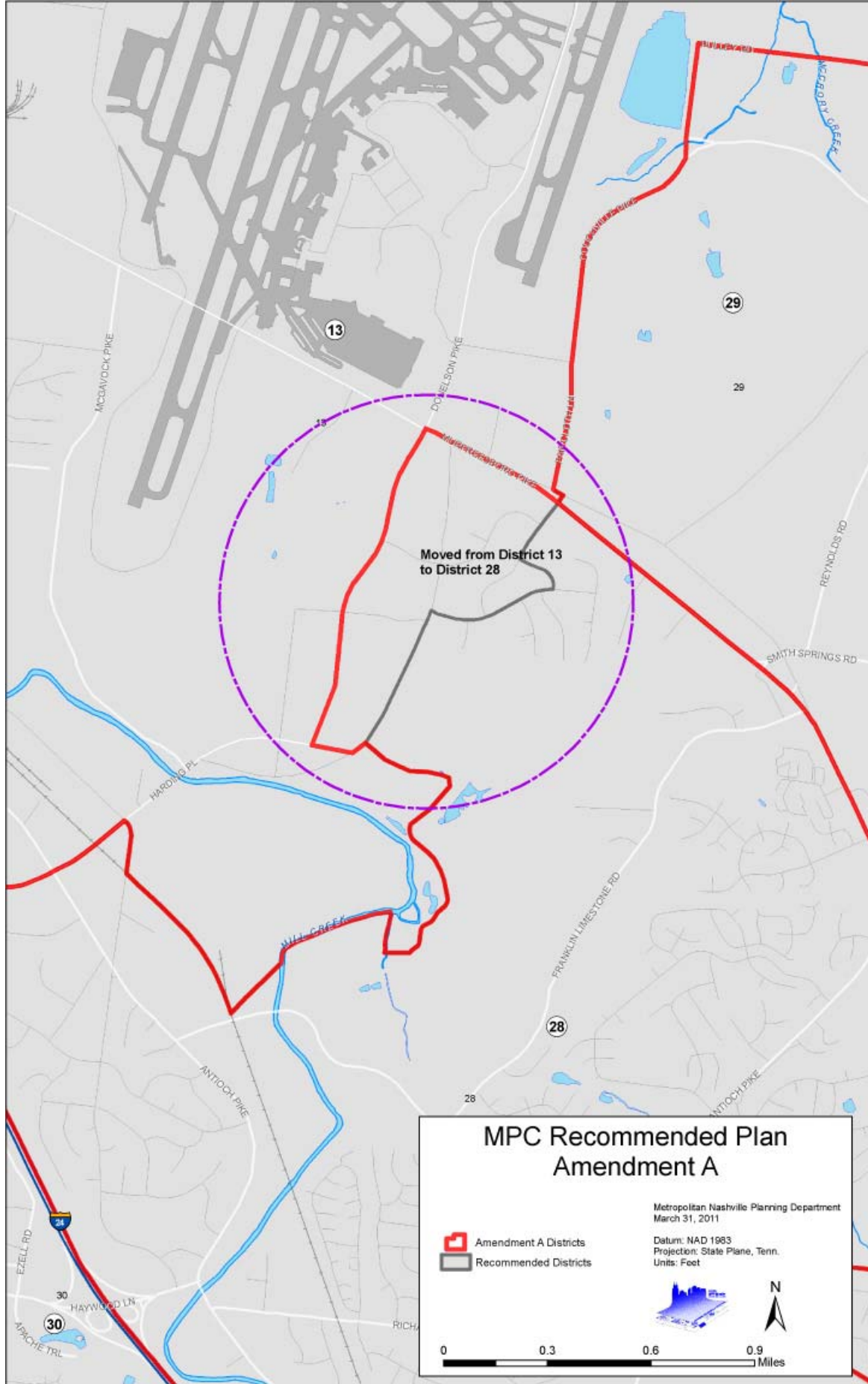
Ms. Jones stated that no neighborhoods are split at all if it's split north/south.

Vote taken and motion to approve the Pan A-Bellevue Option failed (4-4). Motion failed. Ms. Escobar, Mr. Ponder, Mr. Clifton, and Chairman McLean voted against.

Mr. Clifton took this time to read Ms. LeQuire's comments that she asked to have read in her absence:

"I am very impressed with the staff and would like to thank them for all of the extra hours they put in recently. What an accomplishment. I think the process was open, and through many avenues gave voice to the public, council, education board as well as us commissioners. We had a chance to offer our opinions and concerns along with the public at a number of meetings or via email, and I think our role as commissioners is not to debate nuances at this stage. The website was a masterpiece of efficiency and incredibly user-friendly. If I were present at the meeting today, I would be in full support of approving this re-districting as proposed by staff."

Councilmember Gotto moved and Mr. Ponder seconded the motion to move the boundary of District 28 west towards District 13 along Murfreesboro Pike from Townpark Drive to Donelson Pike then south along Donelson Pike to Harding Place then westward along Harding Place to Mill Creek (See attached map "Plan Amendment A").



Plan Amendment A

Ms. Jones out at 5:11 p.m.

Councilmember Gotto stated that the reason for this amendment is to keep the Town Park Subdivision and the Ezell Road Communities together and unify them under one district.

Mr. Clifton stated that if it's not something that was brought up at the Public Hearings, then should we make the changes?

Councilmember Gotto stated that we should have had a public hearing regarding this, as the Recommended Plan was just posted this morning and the public hasn't had a chance to comment about it.

Vote taken and the motion to approve "Plan Amendment A" passed (See attached map). (6-1) Mr. Dalton voted against.

Councilmember Gotto made a motion to move the northernmost boundary of District 8 to Campbell Road from Gallatin Road to I-65.

Mr. Bernhardt stated that this would have a significant impact; District 8 can not lose that many people.

Mr. Sloan stated that this amendment as shown would violate the Voting Rights Act because the variance would be beyond 5%.

There was not a second to the motion. Motion failed.

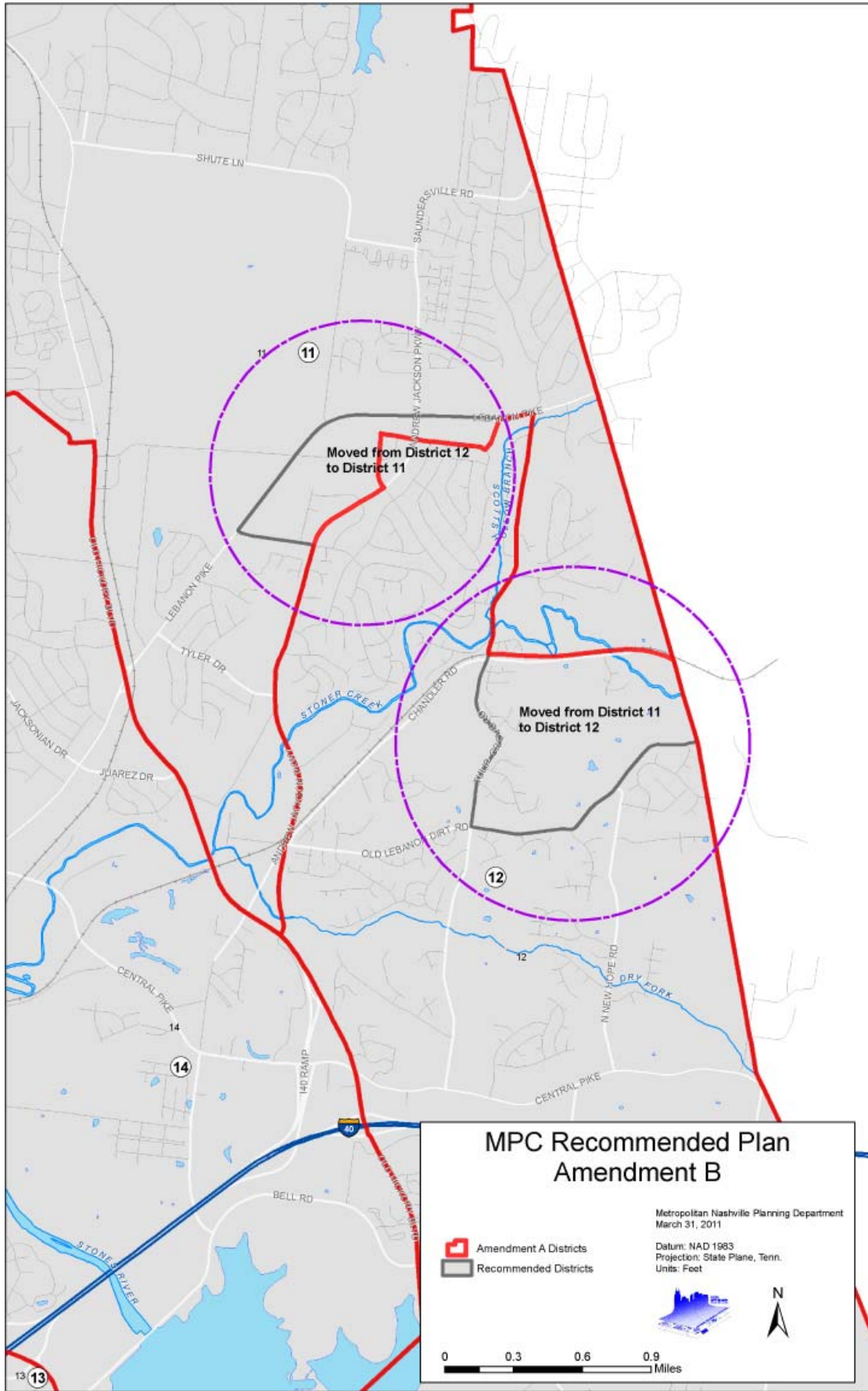
Councilmember Gotto made a motion to move the boundary of District 12 from Old Lebanon Dirt Road east of Tulip Grove Road down to Chandler Road, thus making the boundary Tulip Grove Road along Chandler Road to the Wilson County line.

Mr. Bernhardt stated that this will not work.

Councilmember Gotto asked if there were any tweaks that could be made.

Mr. Bernhardt stated that there was another alternative with less area affected and described the alternative and called it "Plan Amendment B" (see attached map).

Councilmember Gotto moved and Mr. Clifton seconded the motion to approve "Plan Amendment B" (See attached map). (7-0)



Plan Amendment B

Chairman McLean asked to look at District 2 and District 3 along Ewing Creek, would like to use Brick Church to Knight Road as the boundary instead of the creek.

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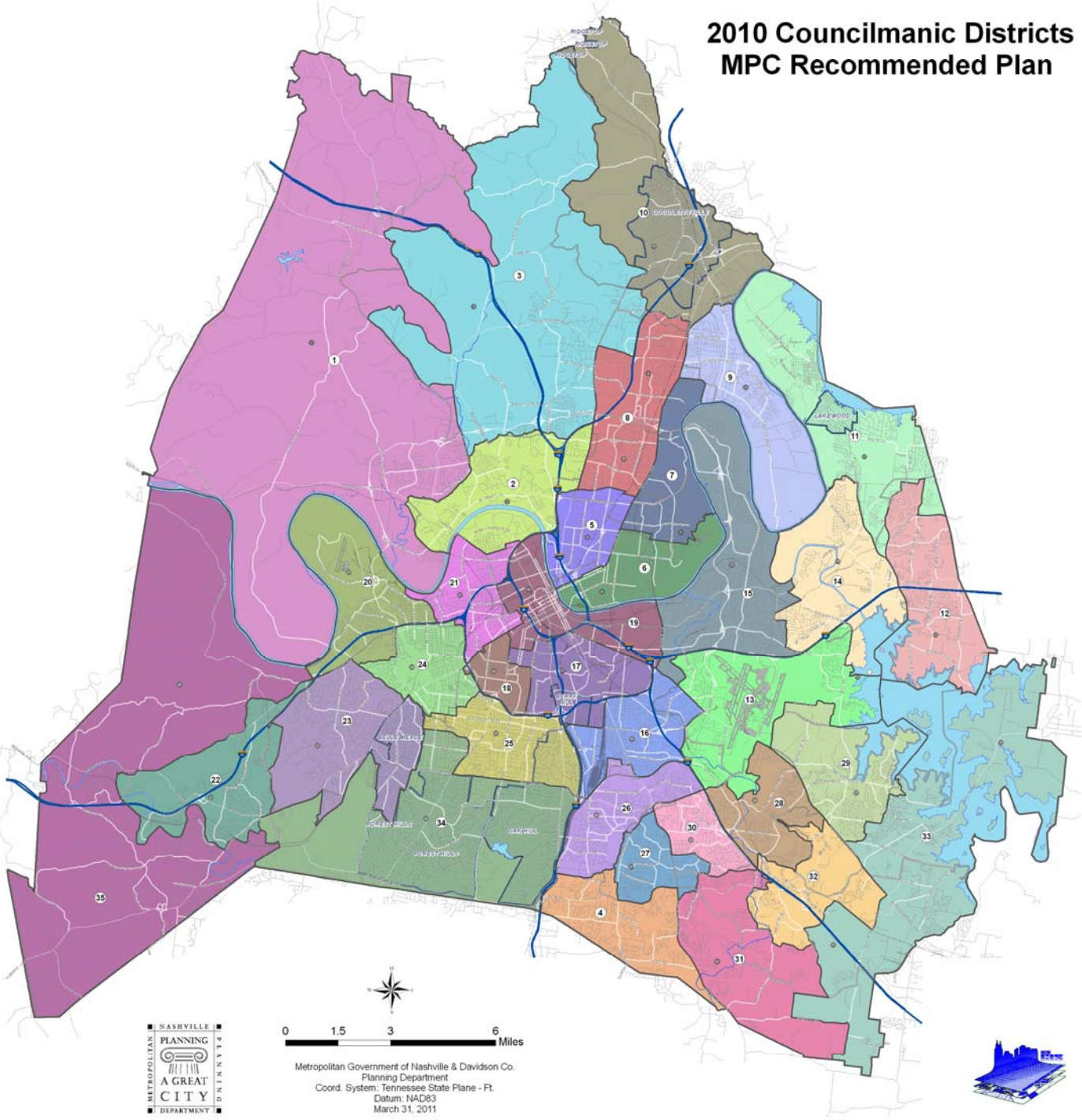
Mr. Bernhardt stated that this will not work.

Mr. Gee stated that he has had several comments regarding Shelby Bottoms. Currently Shelby Park is in District 6 and Shelby Bottoms is in District 7; stated that he just wanted to recognize the concerns of the neighbors.

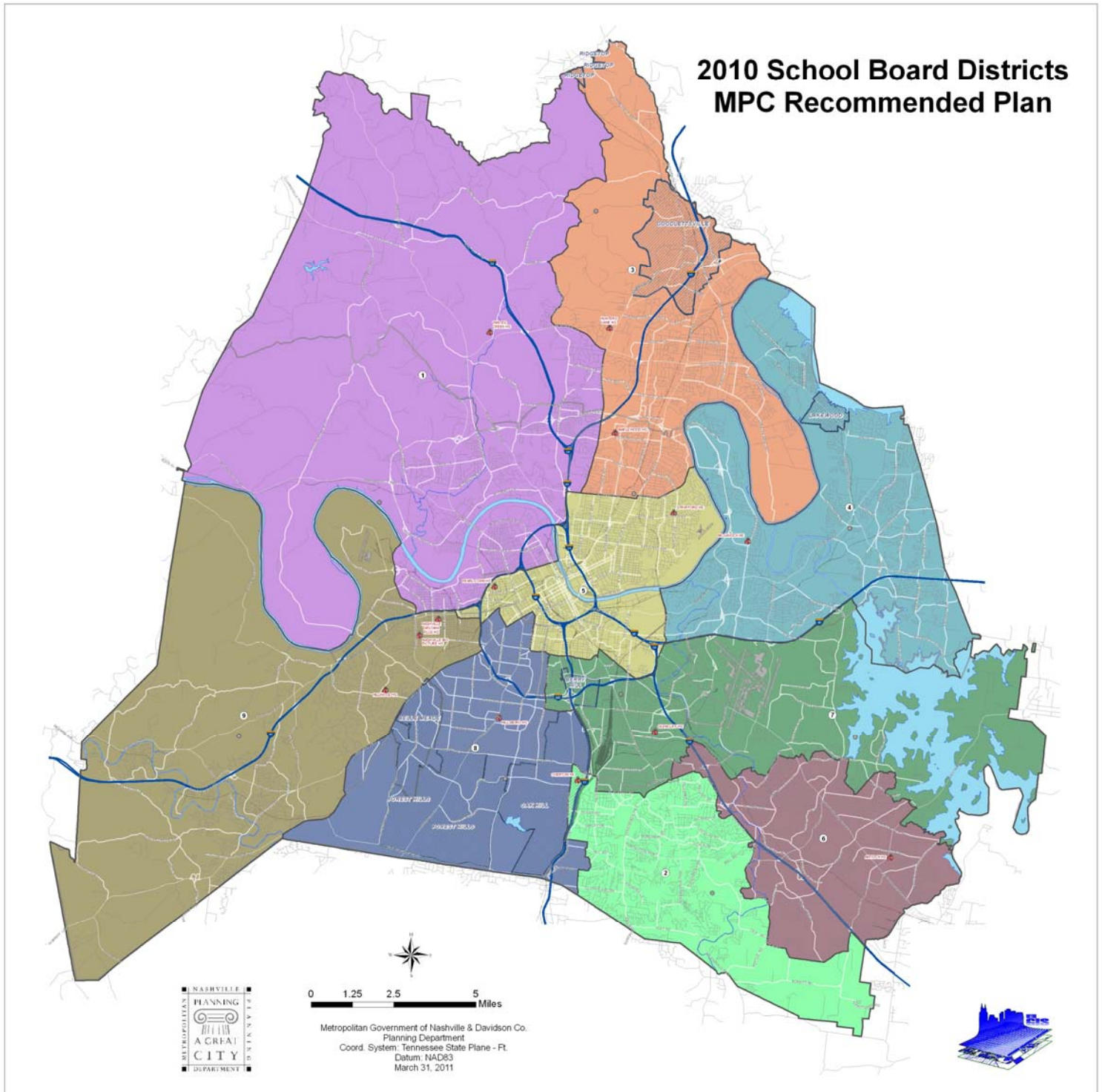
Councilmember Gotto stated that it is not all bad to have two Councilmember's representing the Shelby area.

Mr. Clifton moved and Mr. Ponder seconded the motion to approve the Recommended Plan with Plan Amendment A (District 13, District 28) and Plan Amendment B (District 11, District 12). (7-0)

2010 Councilmanic Districts MPC Recommended Plan



Councilmember Gotto moved and Mr. Ponder seconded the motion to adopt the School Board District Recommended Plan. The motion to adopt the Recommended School Board district Plan passed (7-0)



Resolution No. RS2011-84

“BE IT RESOLVED by The Metropolitan Planning Commission that 2010 Census Redistricting Plan for the Metropolitan Council and Board of Education is **APPROVED** with “Amendment A” and “Amendment B” (7-0).”

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

D. MPC CALENDAR OF UPCOMING MATTERS RELATED TO REDISTRICTING

March 28, 2011

1:30 pm, Metro Southeast, 1417 Murfreesboro Pike
Community members and Council candidates

4 pm, Metro Southeast, 1417 Murfreesboro Pike
Council, Board of Education, and Planning Commission members

March 30, 2011

1:30 pm, Sonny West Conference Center
Council, Board of Education, and Planning Commission members

4 pm, Sonny West Conference Center
Community members and Council candidates

March 31, 2011

MPC Special Meeting

4 pm, Metro Southeast, 1417 Murfreesboro Pike
Topic: Consideration of new district boundaries

E. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman

Secretary