

King County Districting Committee

Meeting Materials

May 13, 2021

Draft Minutes from April 20, 2021

Draft Workplan

Outreach Plan Considerations



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Meeting Minutes
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Monday, April 20, 2021
7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Ann Schindler, Chair, Sophia Danenberg, Paul Graves, Cherryl Jackson-Williams and Rob Saka.

County Staff:

Patrick Hamacher, Simon Farretta, Mike Sinsky and Mari Isaacson.

1. Call to Order

Chair Schindler called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Approval of the minutes from April 12, 2021

Member Saka moved approval of the minutes from April 12, 2021. Member Danenberg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Disclosure of contacts per Operating Procedure 4.6

There were no disclosures.

4. Interview questions

Chair Schindler outlined the process for the Districting Master interviews and deliberations, including the timing, format, question order, and scoring. Staff indicated that all three firms intended to start with a short presentation. The firms had been notified of the applicants to be interviewed, but were not given questions in advance.

5. Districting Master interviews

Flo Analytics gave a presentation on their districting master proposal. Members of the presentation team included Tyler Vick (Principal in Charge), Jed Roberts (Project Manager), John McKenzie (Technical Lead), Charla Skaggs (Community Engagement Lead), and (Alex Brasch) Population Geographer. Following the presentation, District Committee members each took turns asking a set of standard questions and proposal specific follow-up questions. The Chair thanked Flo Analytics for their presentation.

King County GIS Center gave a presentation on their districting master proposal. Dennis Higgins (KCGIS Client Services Manager) and Greg Babinski (KCGIS Project Manager) presented. Following the presentation, District Committee members each took turns asking a set of standard questions and proposal specific follow-up questions. The Chair thanked KCGIS for their presentation.

Berk Consulting gave a presentation on their districting master proposal. Kevin Gifford (Senior Associate), Kevin Ramsey (Associate Principal), and Josh Linden (Associate) presented. Following the presentation, District Committee members each took turns asking a set of standard

questions and proposal specific follow-up questions. The Chair thanked Berk Consulting for their presentation.

The committee took a short recess.

The committee reconvened at 9:31 p.m.

6. Districting Master evaluation

Committee members discussed the interviews and qualifications of the applicants. At 9:56 p.m., the Chair announced the committee would enter into executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i).

At 10:16 p.m., the committee returned from executive session and the public meeting resumed. The committee members scored each of the interviewees. KCGIS was the highest ranked applicant. Staff were given instructions for contacting KCGIS.

7. Chair updates

Chair Schindler noted that there is a regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 22. The chair proposed and the committee agreed to cancel the meeting on April 22.

8. Staff updates

Patrick Hamacher updated the staff that the next meeting on Thursday, May 13 will include initial drafts of the work program and concepts for the community outreach plan. Upcoming meetings will include briefings and trainings discussed previously.

9. Adjournment

Chair Schindler adjourned the meeting at 10:26 p.m.

PART I: PLANNING AND EDUCATION | The spring months are focused on selecting and onboarding the Districting Master, educational briefings and planning for the workplan and outreach.

- **4-12 Regular Meeting**
 - √ Approve committee operating procedures
 - √ Review applications for the Districting Master

- **4-20 Regular Meeting**
 - √ Interview and select a Districting Master

- **5-13 Regular Meeting**
 - o Presentation from county demographer
 - o Draft workplan discussion and feedback
 - o Draft outreach plan discussion and feedback

- **5-27 Regular Meeting**
 - o Districting Master orientation and discussion
 - o Draft workplan discussion and feedback - possible action
 - o Draft outreach plan discussion and feedback - possible action

- **6-10 Regular Meeting**
 - o Presentation from Dave Wilson (KC Elections)
 - o Technology/software plan (KCGIS)
 - o Outreach discussion/planning

- **6-24 Regular Meeting**
 - o Equity session with Vazaskia Cockrell (KCC)
 - o Technology/software plan (KCGIS)
 - o Outreach discussion/planning

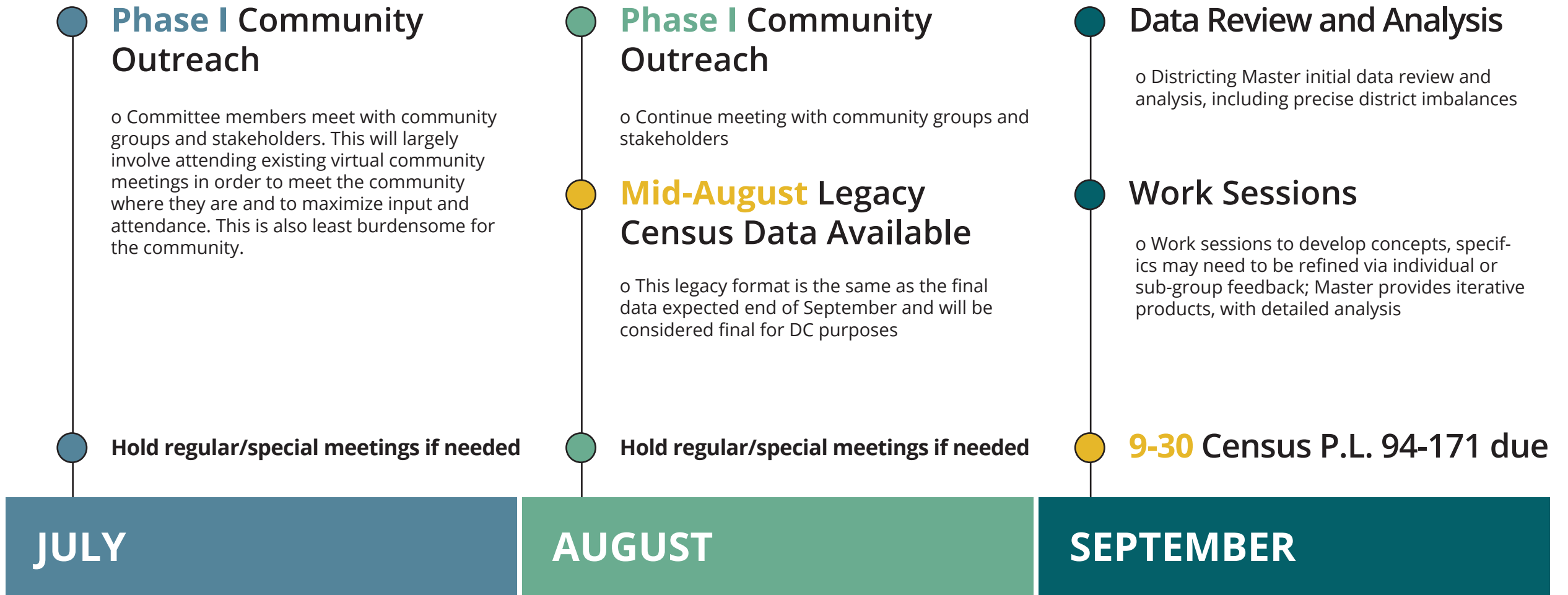
APRIL

MAY

JUNE

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PART II: OUTREACH AND DATA REVIEW | The summer months are likely to focus heavily on stakeholder and community outreach prior to receipt of the interim Census data. Much of this work will involve meeting groups where they are, rather than asking them to join regular committee meetings though the committee can hold public hearings during its regular meeting times as well.



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PART III: DRAFT AND FINALIZE PLAN | The fall months will be the busiest period for the committee as it works with the Districting Master to develop and refine concepts, seek community input and work toward consensus and adopt a final plan. Note that the schedule below contemplates a second phase of community outreach. If consensus is not reached an additional round of work sessions and a Phase III for community outreach may be necessary/desired.

- **Work Sessions**
 - o Work sessions to develop concepts, specifics may need to be refined via individual or sub-group feedback; Master provides iterative products, with detailed analysis
- **Phase II Community Outreach**
 - o Review draft plan materials with Districting Master for community outreach
- **Work Sessions**
 - o Incorporate feedback and drive toward consensus

- **Finalize Concept**
 - o Reach consensus on a final concept
- **11-18 Required Public Hearing - Special Meeting**
 - o Present the final plan. Note: this is a target date.
- **11-29 Special Meeting to adopt the plan**
 - o Note: This is a target date. The Committee has 15 days to adopt the plan after the required public hearing on the final plan. The public hearing must occur by December 31.

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

FALL

Outreach Plan Considerations

KING COUNTY DISTRICTING COMMITTEE

MAY 13, 2021

Purpose

1. To seek input from the community, stakeholders, and local governments on how they might be impacted by drawing council district boundaries; and
2. To meet the legal requirement to hold at least one public hearing on the final Districting Master's Plan.

Who do you want to hear from?

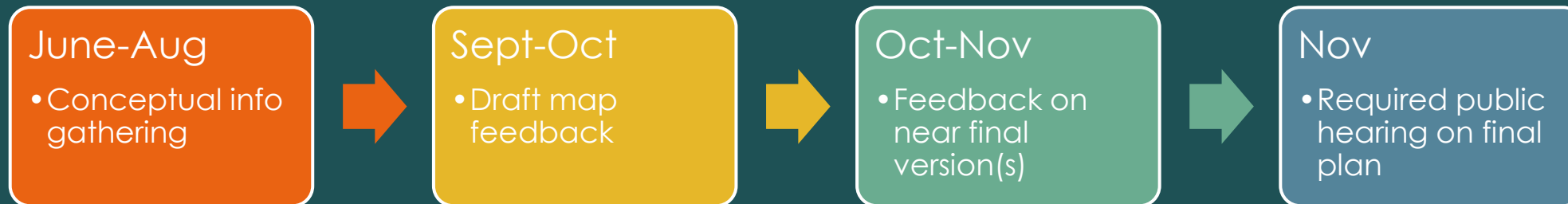
There are potentially many different constituencies that may be interested in providing their perspective to the Districting Committee. These may include, but are not limited to:

- ▶ Civic and municipal groups
- ▶ Cities and special purpose districts
- ▶ BIPOC communities and other underrepresented communities
- ▶ Business and trade groups
- ▶ Elected officials
- ▶ School districts
- ▶ Community groups

Timeline for outreach

There appear to be two natural points in the work where outreach would prove to be most vital. These include:

- ▶ Early stages when the Committee is gathering conceptual information on how to go about its work (roughly June-August).
- ▶ After the committee releases the first set of draft maps, which provide different approaches to redrawing the districts (and further drafts if needed) (roughly September – November).



Methods of Outreach

Outreach could include some or all of the following:

- ▶ Outreach to trusted representatives of target communities to invite them into the process via means easiest for the community (attend their meetings)
- ▶ Opportunities to email feedback to Committee members
- ▶ Online surveys
- ▶ Town hall meetings via Zoom or in-person town hall meetings (if/when COVID rates would allow)
- ▶ Public hearings via Zoom or in person (if/when COVID rates would allow)
- ▶ Print and online newspaper ads
- ▶ Social media outreach (note challenges with building/hosting)
- ▶ Small group discussions hosted by one or two members
- ▶ Interactive workshops if feasible given time constraints
- ▶ Press outreach

Where will the outreach occur?

This largely depends on the type of meetings decided upon, but it is likely to include:

- ▶ Significant number of virtual meetings on platforms like Zoom. Attending existing or special meetings of groups the committee is most interested in hearing from is one of the most effective and least burdensome ways to gain community feedback. Staff and trusted representatives can help facilitate this process.
- ▶ Receipt of feedback via electronic means like surveys and email.
- ▶ Potentially in-person meetings later in the year depending on the vaccination rates and pandemic status.
 - ▶ As a frame of reference, the prior Districting Committee held three public hearings before beginning work on drawing maps (Seattle, Kent, Kirkland). After gathering input, they released four draft maps exploring different concepts for redrawing districts. The committee then held four additional public hearings on the drafts (Shoreline, Bellevue, Des Moines, and south Seattle). The required hearing on the final proposed plan was held in Council Chambers.

Discussion Questions

- ▶ What would you like your stated goals for the process to include?
- ▶ Which groups are you most interested in reaching?
- ▶ Which methods of outreach are of most interest?
- ▶ What is/is not resonating in the draft?