



King County

Meeting Minutes King County Districting Committee

Thursday, August 12, 2021
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Ann Schindler, Chair, Sophia Danenberg, Paul Graves and Rob Saka

Members Excused:

Cherryl Jackson-Williams

County Staff:

Patrick Hamacher, Erin Arya, Tania Santiago Pastrana, Mike Sinsky and Mari Isaacson

Districting Master:

Dennis Higgins, King County GIS

1. Call to Order

Chair Schindler called the meeting to order at about 7:12 p.m.

2. Approval of the minutes from July 8, 2021

Member Graves moved approval of the minutes from July 8, 2021. Member Saka seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Disclosure of contacts per Operating Procedure 4.6 and the Districting Master MOU

Chair Schindler sent a letter to the King County Councilmembers to offer the opportunity to provide written comment or attend a regular meeting of the Districting Committee. Council Chair Claudia Balducci will attend on August 26 and Councilmember Jeannie Kohl-Welles will attend on September 9. Patrick Hamacher disclosed that he provided a brief update on the timeline to District 2 staff in early August.

4. Public comment

The committee voted to amend the agenda to add public comment. Member Saka moved to amend the agenda to include public comment. Member Graves seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The following individuals provided public comment: Jeannie Williams, Lordia Williams and Jeremy Williams.

5. Reports of community outreach listening sessions

Committee Member debriefed on the community listening sessions held to date, which included the following meetings:

7/20: Cohosts Entre Hermanos and GSBA - Danenberg/Schindler

7/21: Cohost League of Women Voters - Jackson-Williams/Saka

7/22: Local Jurisdictions - Danenberg/Graves

7/26: SCA - Danenberg/Saka

7/29: Rural Unincorporated Areas - Graves/Schindler

8/1: Cohost: Korean American Coalition - Danenberg

8/3: Cohost: Chief Seattle Club - Danenberg/Schindler

8/4: Cohost: Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle - Danenberg/Saka

8/5: Cohost: OneAmerica - Danenberg/Saka

8/9: Urban Unincorporated Areas - Danenberg/Jackson-Williams

8/10: Cohosts: Pacific Islander Community Association and Pacific Islander Health Board - Jackson-Williams, Schindler

8/11: Cohosts: Indian American Community Services, Muslim Community Resource Center, Nepal Seattle Society, Pakistan Association of Greater Seattle, PROJONMO, Punjabi Health Board, South Asian Americans Together for WA and Tasveer - Graves

8/11: Cohosts: OCA Advocate Greater Seattle Chapter and CISC - Danenberg/Schindler

8/12: Cohosts: Friends of Little Saigon and Kandelia - Danenberg/Schindler

6. Staff updates/community listening session updates

Staff reported that they are still attempting to schedule five more sessions and that the final schedule should be complete by the next meeting. Staff reminded that they are taking notes on the debrief and creating official notes of the meeting in conjunction with the members that attend each session. The notes will likely be an appendix to the final report. Staff reported they intend to propose town hall meeting recommendations for the fall at the September 9 meeting.

7. Chair updates

Chair Schindler reported that on September 9 she anticipates there will be an analysis of the Census data from the Districting Master.

8. Districting Master updates

The Districting Master reported that the Census data arrived today, that data has been downloaded successfully and should be available for use tomorrow. Districting Master staff completed three test runs of drawing district boundaries using the OFM data in preparation for the Census data. The Districting Master will report on the Census data at the next meeting on August 26 and on September 9.

9. Adjournment

Chair Schindler adjourned the meeting at about 9:08 p.m.