



King County

Meeting Minutes King County Districting Committee

Thursday, September 30, 2021
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Members Present:

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

County Staff:

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

Districting Master:

King County GIS: Dennis Higgins, Josh Popelka and Mary Ullrich

1. Call to Order

Chair Schindler called the meeting to order at about 7:06 p.m.

2. Approval of the minutes from September 23, 2021

Member Graves moved approval of the minutes from September 23, 2021. Member Saka seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Member Danenberg disclosed that she communicated with Member Kohl-Welles about the Belltown area as it relates to preliminary draft map 1. Districting Master Dennis Higgins received a thank you note unrelated to districting from Councilmember Upthegrove. Patrick Hamacher disclosed he provided guidance to District offices 1, 4 and 5 regarding how to read the preliminary draft maps.

4. Public comment

There was no public comment.

5. Work session: Consolidation of the preliminary draft maps

Dennis Higgins with King County GIS presented comparison maps for six pairings of the four preliminary draft maps. Data showed that Preliminary Draft Map 1 and Preliminary Draft Map 2 were the most similar and Preliminary Draft Map 3 and Preliminary Draft Map 4 were the least similar. Member Danenberg and Member Jackson-Williams will meet with King County GIS to determine if their maps can be merged into one prior to publishing the maps for the town hall meetings. The chair reserved the right to call a special meeting on if needed next week based on the outcome of the meeting with King County GIS.

6. Districting Master updates

Dennis Higgins reported he will be out of the office for a few days and that Josh Popelka and Mary Ullrich will be the primary contacts during that time.

7. Staff updates

Staff noted that that they will begin sharing an outline and elements for the final report. Staff provided an update on the town hall meeting press release, outreach and advertising activities underway.

8. Chair updates

Chair Schindler noted the committee will hold their regular meeting on October 14 to prepare for the town hall meetings including each member leading the presentation at one of the town hall meetings.

9. Adjournment

Chair Schindler adjourned the meeting at about 8:52 p.m.