



King County

King County Districting Committee

January 31, 2011
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
King County Administration Building
8th Floor, Conference Room A
500 Fourth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

Minutes

Members: Rod Dembowski
John Jensen
Sally Nelson
Sally Poliak

Staff: Simon Farretta, Council Staff
Joanne Rasmussen, Council Staff

The following members were present: Rod Dembowski, John Jensen, Sally Nelson and Sally Poliak.

Excused: None

I. Call to Order

Simon Farretta, Council Staff, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. and welcomed the members.

II. Approval of the Minutes of January 24, 2011

Mr. Jensen moved to approve the January 24, 2011 meeting minutes as written. Mr. Dembowski seconded the motion. The motion passed.

III. Interviews for Districting Committee Chair

Mr. Sinsky briefed the members of the committee the rules for an executive session. The members decided to have interviews and evaluations in open session. Public comment will be added to the next agenda.

Each member asked the candidate one question from the list of questions provided to the candidates. Follow-up questions were allowed. The members decided to wait until after all candidates had been interviewed before discussing the individual candidates.

Michael Mann introduced himself and discussed his experience on previous districting committees and other qualifications for the position of Districting Committee Chair.

Ms. Parks introduced herself and discussed her qualifications for the position of Districting Committee Chair.

Mr. Ohlenkamp introduced himself and discussed his qualifications and experience as a previous Districting Committee Chair. He distributed copies of an editorial published in the Seattle Times on 1/27/05 entitled "A good-faith attempt at fair representation" by himself, Michael Mann, and Skip Rowley.

IV. Appointment of Districting Committee Chair

The members discussed the qualifications of the three candidates.

Mr. Dembowski moved to elect Michael Mann as the Districting Committee Chair. Sally Nelson seconded the motion. After discussion among the members, Mr. Dembowski withdrew his motion.

The members requested that Mr. Farretta contact Mr. Ohlenkamp for a written resume. The members deferred the decision on appointing a Districting Committee Chair until the February 7, 2011 meeting.

V. Other Business

Mr. Farretta will contact the candidates with the result of the vote, and issue a press release. The county email accounts for the members are active. Mr. Farretta will draft a work plan and committee calendar to bring to the next meeting. He answered a question on the committee budget. The members discussed the public outreach process and timeline. Mr. Sinsky read the statute that states one public hearing is required by law. The members were in agreement that they would like more public hearings. The next meeting was set for Monday, February 7 at 2:00 p.m.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Rasmussen, Council Staff