



King County

King County Districting Committee

March 21, 2011

2:00 p.m.

Chinook Building, Room 115
401 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

Minutes

Chair: Terrance Carroll
Members: Rod Dembowski
John Jensen
Sally Nelson
Sally Poliak

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

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

Excused: None

Outside Attendees: Kathy Elias, Municipal League of King County
James W. Burrows, Citizen
David Wilson, King County Elections
Rebecha Cusack, Director of Strategic Policy Issues, King County Council

I. Call to Order

Judge Terrence Carroll called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.. and welcomed the members.

II. Approval of the Minutes of February 23, 2011

Ms. Nelson moved to approve the February 23, 2011 meeting minutes. Mr. Jensen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

III. Public Comment

No one appeared before the committee to offer public comment.

IV. Chair's Report

The Chair noted that since his return from Italy he has had an opportunity to be briefed by Mr. Farretta on the work of the committee prior to his election as Chair. He noted that he likes

promptness at meetings and adherence to the agenda in order to accomplish the important work of the committee in a timely fashion.

V. Committee Work Plan Calendar

The members discussed the committee calendar. It was decided by the members to keep the April 21 meeting as a placeholder. The members also decided to add a business meeting 30 minutes prior to the public hearing on May 11 and 30 minutes before the public hearing on June 20.

Mr. Farretta was directed by the committee to schedule time for Mr. Burrows to present information to the committee.

Rebecha Cusack, Director of Strategic Policy Issues, King County Council, discussed the change in Mr. Farretta's assignment which now includes organizing the Council Town Hall Meetings. She assured the committee that if a conflict occurred with a Town Hall meeting, the council would send a replacement for Mr. Farretta. Ms. Cusack indicated that she would likely be that replacement.

VI. Districting Master proposal evaluation

Mr. Sinsky, Sr. Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, King County Civil Division, informed the committee members of their option to hold this discussion in executive session. Ms. Nelson moved for an executive session and Mr. Jensen seconded the motion. At 2:42 p.m. the Committee recessed into executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) in order to evaluate the qualifications of applicants for the districting master position.

The meeting was reconvened at 3:42 p.m.

Mr. Jensen moved to select Schlosser Geographic Systems, Inc. as the Districting Master. Ms. Nelson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Committee Operating Procedures

Mr. Sinsky briefed the committee on the Draft King County Districting Committee Operating Procedures and answered questions from the members. After discussion by the members the following amendments to the Operating Procedures were approved:

- After discussion of 2.1, the committee members agreed to amend 2.1 to read: "The times, dates and locations of King County Districting Committee meetings shall be determined by the Chair of the Committee or by a majority of the

members of the Districting Committee.”

- Ms. Poliak moved and Mr. Jensen seconded to accept the first alternative to 4.3 as amended which states: “In the absence of the Chair of the Committee at a meeting of the King County Districting Committee, an acting Chair shall have all authority otherwise granted by these procedures to the Chair of the Committee until the Chair of the Committee is no longer absent. The designation of an acting Chair shall rotate among the Committee members in alphabetical order, based on last names, with the designated acting Chair changing on the first day of each month, beginning in the month of April.” The motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Dembowski moved and Ms. Nelson seconded to amend 4.5 to read “At least two Board members shall be present at the location specified in the meeting notice.” The motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Dembowski moved and Ms. Poliak seconded the motion to amend 4.4 to read “Three of the five members of the King County Districting Committee, not including the Chair, shall constitute a quorum for conducting Districting Committee business and approving motions.” The motion passed unanimously.

A question was raised on the number of members that could meet with the Chair outside of a public meeting due to the adopted definition of a quorum in 4.4. The Chair noted that he would meet with no more than one member of the committee at a time outside of meetings until Mr. Sinsky has an opportunity to brief the committee members on this issue.

The Chair noted that if a member chose to abstain from voting, the abstention should be declared before the vote was called.

Mr. Dembowski moved and Ms. Nelson seconded acceptance of the King County Districting Committee Operating Procedures as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Other Business

- Mr. Farretta discussed the use of the parking passes for committee business and the procedure for use of the passes in the parking garage.
- Mr. Farretta will invite the Districting Master to the next meeting. The members asked that Mr. Farretta involve the Districting Master in getting licenses and census information to the members as well as informing the members of options for other tools and cost of those tools

to address any software deficit in the Districting Master's plan.

- The March 28 meeting will be cancelled.
- The next meeting will be April 18.

IX. Adjourn

Ms. Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Poliak seconded the motion. The Chair so ordered and the meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Rasmussen, Council Staff