



King County

King County Districting Committee

May 23, 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, and Sally Nelson.

Excused: Sally Poliak.

Outside Attendees: John Schlosser, Districting Master
Mike Sinsky, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, King
County Prosecuting Attorney's Office
David Wilson, King County Elections
James W. Burrows, Citizen

I. Call to Order

Judge Terrence Carroll called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. and welcomed the members. He noted that Sally Poliak asked to be excused from the meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Nelson moved to approve the meeting minutes from April 21, 2011 and the minutes from the Public Hearings on May 2, May 5 and May 11. Mr. Jensen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

III. Public Comment

James Burrows appeared before the committee to offer public comment. He distributed maps to the members which showed a version of redistricting that

used population as the sole criteria. The members thanked him for his interest.

IV. Chair's Report

The Chair discussed the meeting Monday, May 16, at the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, attended by the Chair, Simon Farretta and Rod Dembowski.

John Jensen attended a meeting with the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce Public Affairs Committee. He gave a basic overview of the Districting Committee charge using the handout prepared for the public hearings. Mr. Jensen reported that some members of the public at the meeting suggested that they would like to see Bellevue in a single council district but that a member of the Bellevue City Council said that he liked being in two council districts.

The State Redistricting Committee is also having public meetings.

The Chair noted that it is important for the members to report on attendance at outside meetings. Mr. Sinsky added that it would add insight to the committee record as to what information was used for committee decisions.

The committee discussed redistricting criteria with Mr. Sinsky.

V. Communication Protocols

The Chair proposed an amendment to committee's operating procedures regarding the reporting of Council communications with committee members. After a brief discussion, the Chair deferred action on the amendment until the June 1 meeting when all committee members would be in attendance.

VI. Work Session

Mr. Dembowski and Mr. Jensen discussed draft map concepts they had prepared and answered questions from the other committee members. The Chair announced that members should be prepared for a longer meeting on June 1. The members agreed that the maps should be formatted more consistently. Mr. Schlosser requested that he have at least two working days to accomplish that.

VII. Next Steps

If necessary the members will schedule an additional meeting to accomplish agreement on the maps for the next round of public hearings.

VIII. Other Business

There was no further business to come before the committee.

IX. Adjourn

Mr. Dembowski moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Nelson seconded the motion. The Chair so ordered and the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Rasmussen, Council Staff