



King County

King County Districting Committee

June 1, 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: John Schlosser, Districting Master
Mike Sinsky, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, King
County Prosecuting Attorney's Office
David Wilson, King County Elections
Rebecha Cusack, Director of Strategic Policy Initiatives, King
County Council
Kathy Elias, Municipal League of King County
Suellen Roche, Citizen
James W. Burrows, Citizen

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Nelson moved to approve the meeting minutes from May 23, 2011. 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 and John Jensen attended the monthly meeting of King County city managers.

The Chair reviewed the committee schedule of public meetings.

V. Communication Protocols

The Chair raised an amendment to the committee's operating procedures. Ms. Nelson moved the amendment for discussion purposes. Ms. Poliak seconded the motion. The Chair explained that the proposed amendment would require committee members to disclose the substance and context of any communication with councilmembers (or their representatives) that advocates for or against a districting plan, or aspect thereof, under consideration by the committee. The amendment would be applied prospectively. Districting Committee members discussed the proposed amendment. The amendment was unanimously adopted.

VI. Work Session

The Committee members and Districting Master held a work session to develop and refine draft district plans. Mr. Jensen and Mr. Dembowski discussed draft map concepts they had prepared and answered questions from the other committee members. Ms. Poliak and Ms. Nelson provided input on the draft map concepts. Ms. Poliak noted she was working on a draft map concept, but it was not yet ready for presentation.

VII. Next Steps

The Chair announced that the committee would need another working session to develop the public draft district maps. The working session was scheduled for June 13 at 10:00 a.m. The public hearings tentatively scheduled for June 20 and 21 will be rescheduled in order to allow more time to distribute the draft maps to the public before the public hearings. The committee agreed to schedule public hearings on June 29, June 30 and July 7.

VIII. Other Business

There was no further business to come before the committee.

IX. Adjourn

Ms. Poliak moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Nelson seconded the motion. The Chair so ordered and the meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Rasmussen, Council Staff