



King County

King County Districting Committee

June 13, 2011

10:00 a.m.

Chinook Building, Room 124
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
Don Riecks, Citizen
Kathy Elias, Municipal League of King County
Larry Tukes, Citizen
James W. Burrows, Citizen
Michelle Clark, District 2
Cindy Domingo, District 2
Tibor Horvath, District 1

I. Call to Order

Judge Terrence Carroll called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and welcomed the members.

II. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Nelson moved to approve the meeting minutes from June 1, 2011. Mr. Dembowski seconded the motion. The motion passed.

III. Public Comment

James Burrows appeared before the committee to offer public comment. He distributed potential district maps to the members that were generated using a population-based formula.

Don Riecks offered his public comments during the work session with John Schlosser.

IV. Chair's Report

The Chair noted that the Committee should consider adding Executive Constantine and his representatives to the list of covered parties under Operating Procedure 5.0.

Sally Poliak disclosed a conversation with District 9 staff member Neil Strege. Sally Nelson disclosed a conversation with District 5 Councilmember Julia Patterson. John Jensen gave a report on a meeting with Master Builders Association general contractors subcommittee.

V. Staff's Report

Mr. Farretta announced the dates and potential sites for the two remaining July public hearings.

He noted that Dave Bradley has a website which provides a do-it-yourself redistricting tool to members of the public. This site is focused on Congressional redistricting, but was recently updated to include county data. This resource could be linked to from the committee website. Mr. Sinsky, Legal Counsel, cautioned the committee from endorsing one website over another. Ms. Poliak moved to table the decision until the next business meeting. The Chair so ordered.

The members discussed the idea of meeting thirty minutes early on July 12 for a business meeting.

Mr. Farretta noted that the committee has been very frugal with its budget and is on pace to complete the redistricting process significantly under budget.

The committee discussed outreach for upcoming public hearings and decided to focus on electronic outreach rather than a large physical bulk mailing.

VI. Work Session

Mr. Schlosser briefed the committee on the four draft maps highlighting the differences among the maps. The Chair noted that the maps are for the purpose of public input and subject to changes. Ms. Poliak suggested that

when the maps are sent out there should be information included that delineates the differences among the maps in order to help the public better understand them. It was suggested that the maps need bullet points on how each of the maps is different from the other maps and the existing district map. Don Riecks, Kent resident, discussed the history of keeping SeaTac together. He suggested using 188th as a border.

VII. Public Draft Districting Plan Alternatives

Mr. Dembowski moved maps G, I, J and C for public discussion, giving John Schlosser permission to make the changes discussed during the meeting. Ms. Poliak seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Next steps

The committee agreed to send comments and other materials to Mr. Farretta and Mr. Schlosser by the end of the week in order to allow for final editing. The press release will be Monday, June 20. Mr. Farretta reiterated the committee's decision to use email lists for all public outreach except for the elected officials, who would receive notification through the US mail.

IX. New Business/Old Business

Ms. Poliak moved to include Executive Constantine and his representatives as a covered party under Operating Procedure 5. The motion passed unanimously.

X. Adjourn

Ms. Poliak moved to adjourn the meeting. The Chair so ordered and the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Rasmussen, Council Staff