



King County

King County Districting Committee

June 29, 2011, 6:30 p.m.
Shoreline City Hall – Council Chambers
75000 Midvale Avenue N., Shoreline, WA 98133

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

I. Call to Order

Judge Terrence Carroll called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

II. The King County Council redistricting process

Judge Carroll, Chair of the King County Districting Committee, offered introductory remarks. He discussed the redistricting process and noted that the Districting Committee's job is to balance district population to ensure each resident has an equal voice in County government. The four draft maps each explore a different way for drawing equally populated districts that meet legal requirements and take into consideration public input the committee has received. Tonight the committee is hoping for further comment on each of the draft maps. He announced the website and the dates of the upcoming public hearings.

Judge Carroll introduced the members of the committee. He introduced and thanked Keith McGlashan, Mayor, City of Shoreline, for hosting the public hearing. Mayor McGlashan offered welcoming remarks.

Judge Carroll acknowledged the attendance of Robert Lee, Councilmember, City of Lake Forest Park; Will Hall, Deputy Mayor, City of Shoreline; Don Fiene, Councilmember, City of Lake Forest Park; Representative Luis

Moscoso, Legislative District 1; Representative Cindy Ryu, Legislative District 32; and Shari Winstead, Councilmember, City of Shoreline.

III. Overview of draft redistricting plans

John Schlosser, Districting Master, using overhead maps, demonstrated population imbalance in the existing council districts. He briefed the audience on the four draft maps indicating differences among the maps.

IV. Audience Questions

John Schlosser, Districting Master, answered questions from Councilmember Fiene and Samson Awuah on his presentation noting that the population numbers would be closer in the final map. He also noted that some cities would have to be split in order to reach the population goal.

V. Public Testimony

The following people appeared before the committee to offer public comment and to answer questions from the members:

1. **Jonathon Fox**, Friends of the Renton Libraries, commented that if Renton is 30% of a district and Seattle is 70% of that district (as with Draft Plan 1, District 2), the needs of Renton will be overshadowed by Seattle.
2. **Ken Noreen** requested that Shoreline not be divided. He is in favor of either map 2 or 4. Shoreline should be grouped with Lake Forest Park and have a representative that serves the Northend.
3. **Will Hall, Deputy Mayor, Shoreline**, noted he was speaking as a citizen. He urged the committee to keep Shoreline whole and with the other Northend cities. The Northend communities share many common efforts.
4. **Jean Thomas, Lake Forest Park resident**, noted that she prefers map 2 (map 4 is acceptable). She wants to see the lake Forest Park and Shoreline kept together because they share a school district, and have other ties.
5. **Don Fiene, Councilmember, Lake Forest Park**, and **Chair of Seashore Transportation Forum**, noted that he was offering personal remarks only. He would like to see the Northend cities kept together.
6. **Representative Cindy Ryu, Legislative District 32**, prefers map 2 because it keeps the Shoreline together and is the most similar to the current Council District 1.
7. **Jim Adams**, resident of Lake Forest Park, prefers draft map 2.
8. **AD Knox**, inquired about keeping school districts together.

9. **Noel Renggli**, prefers map 2 but map 4 is acceptable.
10. **Keith McGlashan, Mayor, City of Shoreline**, responding to a question from Mr. Dembowski, noted that the Northend Mayors and the Seashore Transportation Forum haven't yet officially decided on a map, but the Northend cities do work together. He noted that Shoreline contracts for police service from the county.
11. **Representative Cindy Ryu**, noted that the official position of the 32nd District Democrats is to keep the Northend cities together. There are many joint services they share, including schools, senior center, recreation, and animal control.
12. **Robert Lee, Councilmember, Lake Forest Park and Chair, SCA Flood Districts**, prefers map 2 and 4 because they keep the watersheds intact.
13. **Edie Nelson, Veterans Human Service Levy Oversight Board**, prefers keeping Northend cities together.
14. **Don Fiene, Councilmember, Lake Forest Park**, provided background on partnerships between Lake Forest Park, Shoreline, and Kenmore.
15. **Judy Parsons**, noted that she has fought for human services in the northend. The strength of Shoreline's ability to address human services will be diluted if the city is split or is absorbed by a Seattle-based district.
16. **Samson Awuah**, discussed how dividing cities during the demarcation of Africa caused conflict. Draft map 1 causes a divide and could create problems. Map 2 is the best choice.

VI. Adjourn

Chair Carroll thanked the members of the public for attending and sharing their thoughts. The next meeting will be on June 30, 2011 in Bellevue. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.