

SEATTLE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 11th, 2022

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

Approved on January 18th, 2022

Commissioners Present: Eliseo EJ Juárez, Former Mayor Greg Nickels, Neelima Shah, Rory O’Sullivan, Patience Malaba

Commissioners Absent: N/A

Commission Staff: Elsa Batres-Boni: Department of Neighborhoods, Logan Drummond: Department of Neighborhoods

Guests: Dennis Higgins: King County GIS Center, Ariel Schneier: City Attorney’s Office, Gary Smith: City Attorney’s Office, Jenn Brandon: Department of Neighborhoods, Harvey Arnone: City of Seattle IT – GIS Manager

(Transcriber’s Note: Seattle Redistricting Commission meeting minutes are not an exact transcript and represent key points and the basis of discussion. The recording of the meeting is available upon request.)

Meeting Minutes:

I. Call to Order

- This Seattle Redistricting Commission meeting was held virtually through Zoom. This meeting was open to the public and was advertised through appropriate channels. The meeting was called to order at 12:03 PM once the Redistricting Commissioners were all present.

II. Welcome & Housekeeping

- Reading of the agenda, welcome

III. Agenda Review

- There were no further questions or concerns from the Commissioners and the agenda was then motioned for approval by Commissioner Malaba and seconded by Commissioner Nickels. The agenda was then passed by the Commission unanimously with five yes votes.

IV. Public Comment

- No one from the public was present for public comment or registered via our website beforehand.
- Staff Explained and made note on how there will be always a time for public comment during commission meetings.

V. Minutes Approval

- Approval for the 12.14.21 meeting minutes was motioned for a vote by Commissioner Nickels and seconded by Commissioner Juarez. The 12.14.21 meeting minutes were then passed by the Commission unanimously with five yes votes.

VI. GIS Consultant Workplan presentation:

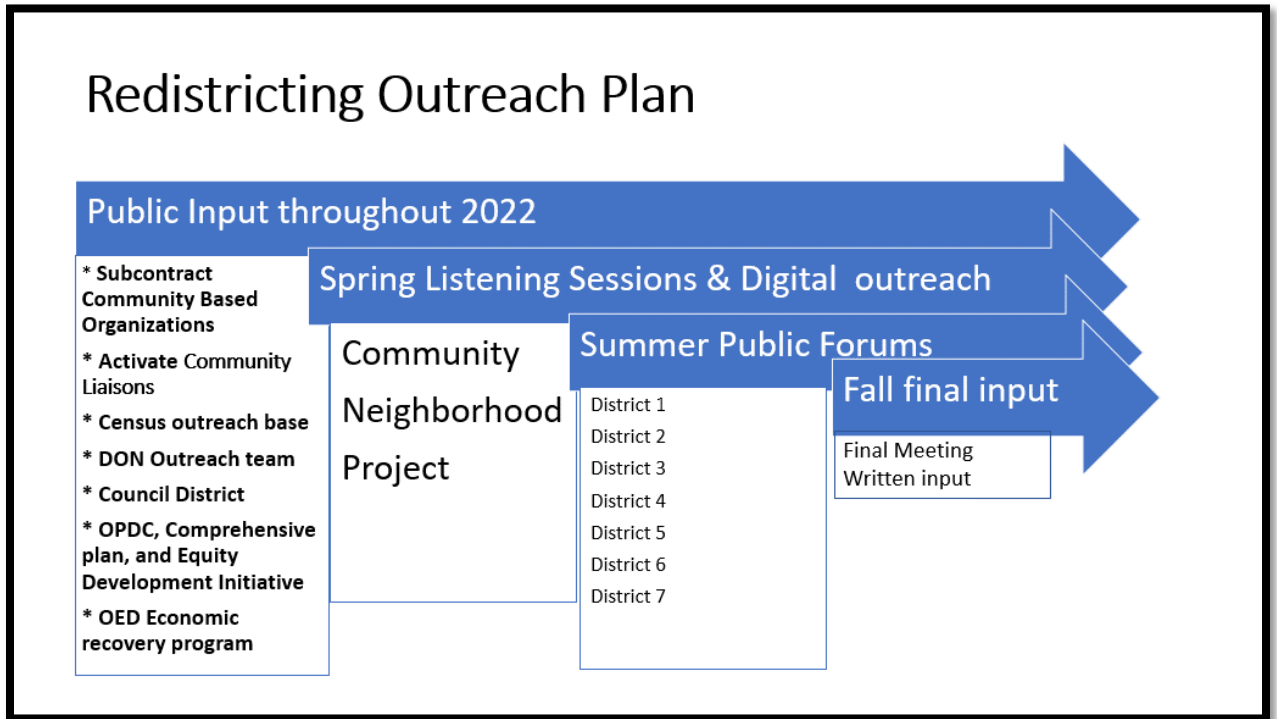
- Dennis Higgins from the King County GIS Center, the Districting GIS Consultant (formerly referred to as the District Master) for the Seattle Redistricting process gave the Seattle Redistricting Commission an overview of King County GIS Center’s workplan for the duration of the redistricting process a summary of the workplan. For an overview of the workplan, please see below:
 - **Near-term: Jan-Feb 2022**
 - Setting up training for commissioners (also consultations after drafts are released for feedback).
 - Attendance at regular Commission meetings as requested
 - Creation of interactive GIS website/dashboard to complement the City’s
 - Creation of four consultant-generated draft plans, ranging from minor tinkering to computer-generated meeting demographic ideals and compact (target date is 2/15/22)
 - Posting of four consultant generated draft plans on website/dashboard, along with ESJ (Equity and Social Justice) map abstract document for each.
 - **Medium-term: March-May 2022**
 - Consultations with Commissioners as requested
 - Creation of two Commissioner-advised draft plans after first consultation, based on revisions and additional criteria provided by the SRC – target date: 3/15
 - Posting of two Commissioner-advised draft plans on website/dashboard, along with ESJ map abstract document for each
 - Support and attendance at seven public hearings
 - Attendance at regular Commission meetings as requested
 - **Enacting the plan: August-November 2022**
 - August: Planned to be a “quiet” period
 - Attendance at regular Commission meetings
 - Creation of any additional final draft map proposals
 - Posting of any additional final draft map proposals on website/dashboard, along with ESJ map abstract document for each
 - Work sessions with Commissioners as requested
 - Crafting and submittal of final plan map with all supporting documents
 - Writing of final report
 - **Advised:** The final deadline will be November 8th, so that we have a week to wrap up anything else to be sure that all deadlines will be met.

VII. Budget Review

- DON Staff Elsa Batres-Boni gave the Seattle Redistricting Commissioners an overview of the Redistricting Commission’s budget, as well as instruction as to how they can make changes or requests to alter the budget through DON and City Council.

VIII. Outreach plan presentation

- DON Staff Elsa Batres-Boni also presented an Outreach plan to the Seattle Redistricting Commissioners, which includes collaborating with Community Based Organizations, Community Liaisons, and having multiple community-wide trainings, focus groups, and public comment sessions in each Council district. Please see below for a graphic of the outreach plan:



IX. Next meetings

- o The next meeting will be on January 18th, 2022, from 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

X. Adjourn

- The Seattle Redistricting Commission Chair Rory O’Sullivan asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Nickels motioned for adjournment, and Commissioner Malaba seconded. The motion for adjournment was approved unanimously with five yes votes.
- The next Seattle Redistricting Commission meeting will be on Tuesday January 18th, 2022, from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM.
- Redistricting Commissioners - Send any comments or recommended changes for 1.11.22 minutes before the next meeting.
- DON Staff will submit a finalized workplan and outreach plan in the coming meetings for the Redistricting Commission’s approval.
- Commission staff will send out calendar invites for upcoming meetings.
- Questions and comments, please send them to Elsa.Batres-Boni@seattle.gov