

SEATTLE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 3rd, 2022

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

Approved on February 15th, 2022

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

Commissioners Absent: N/A

Commission Staff and Guests: Elsa Batres-Boni: Department of Neighborhoods, Logan Drummond: Department of Neighborhoods, Ariel Schneier: Assistant City Attorney

(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 12:08 PM once the Redistricting Commissioners had quorum.

II. Welcome & Housekeeping

- Reading of the agenda, welcome

III. Agenda Review and approval

- There were no further questions or concerns from the Commissioners and the agenda was then motioned for approval by Commissioner Nickels and seconded by Commissioner Malaba. The agenda was then passed by the Commission unanimously with four yes votes. Commissioner O’Sullivan was briefly absent at the time of this vote.

IV. Minutes approval

- Approval for the 2.01.22 meeting minutes was motioned for a vote by Commissioner Malaba and seconded by Commissioner Juarez. The minutes for the 2.01.22 meeting was passed by the Commission unanimously with four yes votes. Commissioner O’Sullivan was briefly absent at the time of this vote.

V. 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.

VI. Acknowledgement of received public comments

- Commission Chair Neelima Shah clarified the understanding that all commissioners will review public comments on the spreadsheet prior to each meeting and will then respond to comments from the public in each meeting. Some items that were brought up by Commissioners included looking into whether they will read off submitted comments versus acknowledging that they have received public comments since the last meeting. There were also concerns raised about disclosing names and contact information of public commenters, staff will review concerns and provide a proposal.

VII. Review of Outreach plan

- Staff Elsa Batres-Boni gave the Redistricting Commissioners an overview of the Outreach Plan and timeline for the Redistricting process and took feedback from the Redistricting Commission on their thoughts on what Outreach and Engagement should look like throughout the Redistricting process.
 - Some items that came up included: Figuring out how to prioritize public comment from public who haven't spoken up at past listening sessions, creating a way to use quantitative data feedback from the public, starting listening session meetings with a quick question that we can get said quantitative feedback in case folks need to jump off during long meetings.
 - Link to the Outreach and Engagement Plan presentation:
 - <https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:d98bd2f6-c030-4112-994c-e5decc4332e0>

VIII. Next meetings

- Next meeting will be on February 15th, 2022, from 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
- The February 8th, 2022, meeting is canceled, as it was replaced by today's meeting.
- February 22nd, 2022 meeting is canceled, and the Redistricting Commission will meet on March 1st, 2022.
- Staff will send out meeting invitations for Tuesdays for the coming months to get the meetings on the Redistricting Commissioners' calendars.
- Future meetings may look different, as there will be forums and listening sessions that only part of the Redistricting Commission will need to attend. City Staff recommended that Redistricting Commissioners look at their schedules ahead of time and to come up with different times and days of the week that they might be available.

Adjourn

- Commission Chair Neelima Shah asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner O'Sullivan 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 February 15th, 2022, from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM.
- Redistricting Commissioners - Send any comments or recommended changes for 2.03.22 minutes before the next meeting.

- Commission staff will send out calendar invites for upcoming meetings for every Tuesday at noon through March.
- Questions and comments, please send them to Elsa.Batres-Boni@seattle.gov