

SEATTLE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 22nd, 2022

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

Approved on March 1st, 2022

Commissioners Present: Eliseo EJ Juárez, Patience Malaba, Greg Nickels, Rory O’Sullivan

Commissioners Absent: Commission Chair Neelima Shah

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

(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

- Point made to strike the following from the agenda - Pending business: Disclosure of potential conflict of interest (TBD), Outreach report
- 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 Juárez. The agenda was then passed by the Commission unanimously with four yes votes.

IV. Minutes approval

- Approval for the 2.15.22 meeting minutes was motioned for a vote by Commissioner Nickels and seconded by Commissioner Malaba. The minutes for the 2.15.22 meeting were then passed by the Commission unanimously with four yes votes.

V. Public Comment

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

VI. Redistricting law follow up

- Assistant City Attorney Ariel Schneier revisited the topics of considering race for redistricting and a discussion of the definition of what a community of interest is.

VII. Dave's Redistricting App Instructions Review

- Mary Ulrich from the GIS consulting team gave a presentation overview of the different features and uses of Dave's Redistricting App and will be sending links to both that tool and a detailed, step-by-step guide on how the public can use Dave's Redistricting Map to create and submit their own maps.

VIII. Pending business: Disclosure of potential conflict of interest (TBD)

- This item was tabled for the next meeting, as we are waiting to hear from the Ethics and Elections Commission on the specifics of what potential conflicts of interest might be.

IX. Outreach Report

- Department of Neighborhoods Staff Elsa Batres-Boni gave the Redistricting Commissioners an update on where we are at in terms of the outreach efforts, including a scheduling of the first listening session on March 16th in the Central District Yesler Terrace Community Council.

X. Next meetings

- Next meeting will be on March 1st, 2022, from 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
- Will have a discussion on communities of interest definitions at the March 1st meeting, an update on the Ethics and Elections Commission's view on Conflicts of Interest, an update from law on how Spanish-speaking populations might fit into Communities of Interest, and more planning on Redistricting efforts.
- 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, the first listening sessions are coming up and staff will be sending out a tracker with dates that Commissioners can sign up to attend.

Adjourn

- Interim Commission Chair Rory O'Sullivan asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Malaba motioned for adjournment, and Commissioner Nickels seconded. The motion for adjournment was approved unanimously with four yes votes.
- The next Seattle Redistricting Commission meeting will be on Tuesday March 1st, 2022, from 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM.
- Redistricting Commissioners - Send any comments or recommended changes for 2.22.22 minutes before the next meeting.
- Questions and comments, please send them to Elsa.Batres-Boni@seattle.gov