

## SEATTLE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

### MINUTES

Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

Approved on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

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

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**Commissioners Absent:** N/A

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**Commission Staff and Guests:** Logan Drummond: Department of Neighborhoods, Jenn Brandon: Department of Neighborhoods, Ariel Schneier: Assistant City Attorney

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(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 12:05 PM once the Redistricting Commissioners had quorum.
- II. Welcome & Housekeeping**
  - Reading of the agenda, welcome **and land acknowledgement**
- III. Agenda Review and approval**
  - There were no further questions or concerns from the Commissioners and the agenda for the 4.19.22 meeting.
  - **Minutes approval**
  - Approval for the 4.05.22 meeting minutes was motioned for a vote by Commissioner O’Sullivan and seconded by Commissioner Nickels. The minutes for the 4.05.22 meeting was then passed by the Commission unanimously with four yes votes.
- IV. Public Comment**
  - At this time in the agenda, no one from the public provided public comment.
- V. Received Public Comment Acknowledgement**
  - Commissioners acknowledged that they have reviewed the latest submitted public comments.
- VI. Conflict of Interest Disclosure**
  - No disclosures were made

## **VII. OPMA (Open Public Meetings Act) Update**

- Ariel Schneier, Assistant City Attorney gave the Redistricting Commission an overview of the specifics on how the Open Public Meetings Act will potentially change in the near future. In summary, the Redistricting Commissioners will always be able to join meetings virtually regardless of any changes occurring at the State level, however, City Staff will have to work to provide an in-person component for Commission meetings.

## **VIII. Outreach Updates**

- Logan Drummond gave the Redistricting Commission an overview of outreach updates, listed below.
- We had 3 more successful meetings last week, with the Lake City Neighborhood Alliance, Somali Community leaders and Victory Heights. Elsa and staff will create a summary of all meeting comments before all public forums start.
- In the next 2 weeks, we have meetings scheduled with:
  - Alliance for Pioneer Square, Eritrean Community Center, Urban Native members, NW Service Providers, Phinney Ridge Community Council, Cascade Neighborhood Council's Executive Board. District 7. South Lake Union, Rainier Beach, Vietnamese Community, El Centro de la Raza (Not a public meeting), Oromo Community/Ethiopian Community.
- City meeting rooms as well as Seattle Public Library rooms are currently being updated to be able to offer hybrid options for public meetings, staff proposal is to have the first two forums in May fully virtual/online and following these we can hold hybrid public forum meetings.
- Redistricting commissioners noted a concern that the first two public forums in South Seattle are virtual/online only, while the others have an in-person option. Commissioners asked staff to look into having hybrid meetings for all public forums.
- Redistricting Commissioners also asked City Staff to send calendar invitations for all public forums and to look into whether or not the current public forum schedule is set or if there is flexibility on when they will be taking place.

## **IX. Next meetings**

- The next meeting will be on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, from 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

## **X. Public Comment - Continued**

- No one from the public volunteered to provide public comment at this time.

## **XI. Adjourn**

- Commission Chair Eliseo EJ Juárez asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Malaba motioned for adjournment, and Commissioner O'Sullivan seconded. The motion for adjournment was approved unanimously with five yes votes.
- The next Seattle Redistricting Commission meeting will be on Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, from 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM.
- Redistricting Commissioners - Send any comments or recommended changes for 4.19.22 minutes before the next meeting.
- Questions and comments, please send them to [Elsa.Batres-Boni@seattle.gov](mailto:Elsa.Batres-Boni@seattle.gov)