

SEATTLE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 14th, 2022

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

Approved on June 28th, 2022

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

Commissioners Absent: N/A

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

- To follow the recent amendment by Governor Inslee [House Bill 1329](#), of the Open Public Meeting Act to increase the accessibility of and participation in public meetings. This meeting was held online and in a physical location at the City of Seattle L280 Boards and Commissions Room on floor L2 at 600 4th Avenue, Seattle WA, 98104.
- This meeting was open to the public and was advertised through appropriate channels. The meeting was called to order at 12:01 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 on today's agenda for the 6.14.22 meeting.

IV. Minutes approval

- Approval for the 6/02/2022, 6/07/2022, and 6/09/2022 meeting minutes were motioned for a vote by Commissioner Nickels and seconded by Commissioner O'Sullivan. The minutes were then passed by the Commission unanimously with five yes votes.

V. Received Public Comment Acknowledgement

- Commissioners acknowledged that they have reviewed the latest submitted public comments.

VI. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

- No conflicts of interest were disclosed at this time by Redistricting Commissioners.

VII. Public Comment

- No public comments from attendees at this time, and no one had signed up prior to this meeting. The Redistricting Commission noted that they will have time again towards the end of this meeting for public comments.

VIII. Public Forum Review and Prep

- Commissioners noted that they were disappointed with the low turnout for the District 4 Public Forum, which might be explained by the national conversations taking place on June 9th as well as the fact that citizens in District 4 may have had the same level of importance on changes to District 4 as this district's lines are set to not change in a significant way.
- Commission Chair Eliseo Juárez also mentioned that he will be writing an op-ed to provide some more outreach and awareness on what Redistricting is and what the public forums are about.
- Commissioner Patience Malaba will be giving this community the overview presentation on redistricting prior to the public comment period for District 5

IX. Open District lines options conversation

- Commissioners and Dennis Higgins, the Districting GIS Consultant had a conversation about potential district line changes. It was noted that Redistricting Commissioners would like to have an analysis on the walk sheds in District 4 that they can use in drawing maps for that area.
- This agenda item will be added to all future agendas, so that the commission can workshop where to put district lines and process feedback from the public forums in real-time to narrow down options.

X. Next meetings – No meeting on June 21st

- The Redistricting Commission will not be meeting on June 21st, 2022 and staff will make changes to the schedule, websites, and surveys to reflect that change.
- The next regular meeting of the commission will be on June 28th, 2022 from 12:00PM – 1:30PM.

XI. Executive Meeting with legal team

- Redistricting Commissioners met with City of Seattle attorneys Ariel Schneier and Gary Smith in an executive meeting.

XII. Public Comment – Continued

- **Gregg Petrie** – “I'd like some advice from you guys I'm making map and I'm having a little trouble how to incorporate these various groups and so some of my questions are how do you define these groups like the like the cid is probably pretty obvious but there's other groups like the local improvement districts for instance are all these groups treated equal and how do you set priorities over one group being more important than the other where do you set the boundaries I'm having trouble setting the boundaries um who actually decides what's a group that you want to keep to keep whole and basically how do you resolve the sort of problems that might arise when you do this and when does trying to accommodate a group mover over to sort of a what some people might think is a gerrymandering effort so I could use any advice that you could give me on that.”
- Gregg asked the Redistricting Commission where the in-person location for the weekly meetings are. Staff responded that the L280 Boards and Commissions Room, located at 600 4th Avenue on the L2 floor (take the main elevator down to the L2 floor, the L280 Boards and Commissions Room will be at the end of the hallway).

XIII. Next meetings

- The next regular meeting will be on June 28th, 2022, from 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
- The next public for of the commission will be at the District 5 Public Forum at the Lake City Seattle Public Library Branch at 12501 28th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98125 on June 16th, 2022, from 5:30PM-7:30PM.

XIV. Adjourn

- Commission Chair Eliseo EJ Juárez 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 June 28th, 2022, from 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM.
- Redistricting Commissioners - Send any comments or recommended changes for 6.14.22 and 6.16.22 minutes before the next meeting.
- Questions and comments, please send them to Elsa.Batres-Boni@seattle.gov