

SEATTLE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
REDISTRICTING DRAFT MAPPING RETREAT MINUTES

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

Approved on September 20, 2022

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

Commissioners Absent: N/A

Commission Staff and Guests: Logan Drummond: Department of Neighborhoods, Elsa Batres-Boni: Department of Neighborhoods, Dennis Higgins: Districting GIS Consultant, Mary Ullrich: 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 with an option to meet in person at the Bertha Knight Landes Room (BKL) on the first floor at Seattle City Hall. This meeting was open to the public and was advertised through appropriate channels. The meeting was called to order at 5:08 PM once the Redistricting Commissioners had quorum.

II. Welcome & Housekeeping

- Reading of the agenda, welcome and land acknowledgement

III. Meeting Minutes Review and approval

- There were no further questions or concerns from the Commissioners on the meeting minutes for the 7.26.22 Meeting. The minutes were motioned for approval by Commissioner O’Sullivan and seconded by Commissioner Shah. The 7.26.22 meeting minutes were passed unanimously with five votes.

IV. Agenda Review and approval

- There were no further questions or concerns from the Commissioners on today’s agenda and outreach materials for the 8.02.22 Draft Mapping Retreat and motioned for approval by Commissioner O’Sullivan and seconded by Commissioner Malaba. The agenda and outreach materials were passed unanimously with five votes.

V. Conflict of interest disclosures

- Commissioner O’Sullivan had a brief conversation with council member Lewis, who was inquiring about the map that was submitted by the redistricting justice coalition indicating that he had received questions from constituents and wanted to know how to respond to those questions.

VI. Goals of the day

- Commissioner Greg Nickels gave a brief overview of the Seattle Redistricting process and went over the goals of the draft mapping retreat, which included going over similarities and variances of all the Commissioners’ maps and to come to an agreement on a single draft map as a commission.

VII. Written Public Comment Acknowledgement

- For the draft mapping retreat, Redistricting Commission accepted only written public comment submitted before August 2, 4:00pm.
- Redistricting Commissioners that they have reviewed the written public comment submitted by the community prior to the draft mapping retreat.

VIII. Review of Redistricting Criteria

- Commission Chair Greg Nickels reviewed the Redistricting Criteria as outlined by the City of Seattle Charter.

IX. Individual map plans presentation

- Redistricting Commissioners each presented their individual maps.

X. Work through proposals resolving variances.

Commissioners discussed District lines by boundary starting with District 1.

- Commissioners discussed the boundaries of districts 1; Commissioner O’Sullivan made a motion to use commissioner Shah’s map boundaries for district 1 as a starting point, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Malaba and passed unanimously by five votes which is described as follows:
- District 1 Boundaries
 - Western Boundary
 - Puget Sound from southern Seattle city limit to Duwamish Head
 - Northern Boundary
 - Puget Sound from Duwamish Head to Colman Dock at Columbia St
 - Columbia St between Colman Dock and 2nd Ave
 - 2nd Ave between Columbia St and Cherry St
 - Cherry St between 2nd Ave and 3rd Ave
 - 3rd Ave between Cherry St and James St
 - James St between 3rd Ave and 4th Ave
 - 4th Ave between James St and Jefferson St
 - Jefferson St between 4th Ave and 6th Ave
 - Eastern Boundary
 - 6th Ave between Jefferson St and Yesler Way
 - Yesler way between 6th Ave and 4th Ave
 - 4th Ave S between Yesler and Seattle Blvd
 - Seattle Blvd S between 4th Ave and S Dearborn St

- S Dearborn St between Seattle Blvd and I-5
 - I-5 between S Dearborn St and southern Seattle city limit
 - Southern Boundary
 - southern Seattle city limit
- Commissioners continue to discuss district boundaries between districts 2 and 3
- **District 2 boundaries Motioned for a vote by Commissioner O'Sullivan to adopt the below boundary as outlined by Commissioner Shah's map draft, seconded by Commissioner Malaba, the District 2 boundary was passed unanimously with five yes votes.**
- District 2 Boundaries
 - Western Boundary
 - I-5 between southern Seattle City limit and S Dearborn St
 - S Dearborn St between I-5 and Seattle Blvd
 - 4th Ave S between Seattle Blvd and Yesler Way
 - Yesler Way between 4th Ave and 6th Ave
 - 6th Ave between Yesler and James
 - Northern Boundary
 - James St between 6th Ave and Broadway
 - E James Way between Broadway and E Cherry St
 - E Cherry St between E James Way and 12th Ave
 - 12th Ave between E Cherry St and Boren Ave
 - Boren Ave S between 12th Ave and S Jackson St
 - Rainier Ave S between S Jackson St and 23rd Ave S
 - 23rd Ave S between Rainier Ave S and S Plum St
 - S Plum St between 23rd Ave and Martin Luther King Jr Way S
 - Martin Luther King Jr Way S between S Plum and Sam Smith Park above I-90
 - Sam Smith Park above I-90 between Martin Luther King Jr Way S and 31st Ave S
 - 31st Ave S between Sam Smith Park above I-90 and S Day St
 - S Day St between 31st Ave and Lake Washington
 - Eastern Boundary
 - Lake Washington between S Day St just north of I-90 to southern Seattle city limit
 - Southern Boundary
 - southern Seattle City Limit
- **District 3 boundaries Motioned for a vote by Commissioner O'Sullivan to adopt the below boundary as outlined by Commissioner Shah's map draft, seconded by Commissioner Shah, the District 3 boundary was passed 4 to 1, with one no vote from Commissioner Malaba.**
- District 3 Boundaries
 - Western Boundary
 - Rainier Ave S between 23rd Ave S and S Jackson St
 - Boren Ave S between Jackson and 12th Ave
 - 12th Ave between Boren and E Cherry St

- E Cherry St between 12th Ave and E James Way
- E James Way between E Cherry St and Broadway
- E James St between 12th Ave and Broadway
- Broadway between E Jefferson and James St
- James St between Broadway and I-5
- I-5 between James St and E Newton St
- E Newton St between I-5 and Franklin Ave E
- Franklin Ave E between E Newton St and E Boston St
- E Boston St between Franklin Ave E and Eastlake Ave E
- Eastlake Ave E between E Boston St and E Lynn St
- E Lynn St between Eastlake Ave E and center of Lake Union
- Center of Lake Union at E Lynn St trending NE to Lake Washington Ship Canal at the I-5 Ship Canal Bridge
- Northern Boundary
 - Lake Washington Ship Canal from I-5 Ship Canal Bridge to Lake Washington
- Eastern Boundary
 - Lake Washington from Ship Canal to S Day St
- Southern Boundary:
 - S Day St between Lake Washington and 31st Ave S
 - 31st Ave S between S Day St and Sam Smith Park above I-90
 - Sam Smith Park above I-90 between 31st Ave S and Martin Luther King Jr. Way S
 - Martin Luther King Jr. Way S between Sam Smith Park above I-90 and S Plum
 - S Plum St between Martin Luther King Jr. Way S and 23rd Ave
 - 23rd Ave S between S Plum and Rainier Ave S

The Redistricting Commissioners took a 20-minute break for dinner at this time

XI. Continue discussion

- **District 4 boundaries Motioned for a vote by Commissioner Malaba to adopt the above boundary as outlined by Commissioner Shah’s map draft, the district 4 boundary was passed by a vote of 3 to 2, with no votes from Commissioner Juárez and Commissioner O’Sullivan.**
- **District 4 Boundaries**
 - Western Boundary
 - Aurora Ave N between Lake Washington Ship Canal and NE 50th St
 - NE 50th St between Aurora Ave N and I-5
 - I-5 between NE 50 and NE 85th
 - Northern Boundary
 - NE 85th St between I-5 and Roosevelt Way NE
 - Roosevelt Way NE between NE 85th St and NE 82nd St
 - NE 82nd St between Roosevelt and 14th Ave NE
 - 14th Ave NE between 82nd St and NE 85th
 - NE 85th St between 14th AVE and Lake City Way
 - Lake City Way NE between NE 85th St and NE 95th St
 - NE 95th St between Lake City Way NE and 45th Ave NE
 - 45th Ave NE between 95th and Paisley Dr

- Paisley Dr NE between 45th Ave and Inverness Dr NE
 - Inverness Dr NE between Paisley Dr and Sand Pt Way
 - Sand Pt Way NE between Inverness and NE 85th Street End
 - NE 85th Street End between Sand Pt Way and Lake Washington
 - Eastern Boundary
 - Lake Washington between NE 85th Street End and Lake Washington Ship Canal
 - Southern Boundary
 - Lake Washington Ship Canal between Lake Washington and Aurora Ave
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- **District 5 boundaries Motioned for a vote by Commissioner O'Sullivan to adopt the boundary as outlined by Commissioner Shah's map draft, the district 5 boundary was passed 3 to 2 with two no votes from Commissioner Juárez and Commissioner Nickels.**
- **District 5 Boundaries**
 - Western Boundary
 - 15th AVE NW between NW 85th St or NW 90th St
 - NW 90th St between 15th Ave NW and 23rd Ave NW
 - 23rd Ave NW between 90th and 100th
 - NW 100th St between 23rd Ave NW and Puget Sound
 - Puget Sound between 100th St and northern Seattle city limit
 - Northern Boundary
 - Northern Seattle city limits
 - Eastern Boundary:
 - Lake Washington between northern Seattle city limit and NE 85th Street End
 - Southern Boundary
 - NE 85th Street End between Lake Washington and Sand Pt Way
 - Sand Pt Way NE between NE 85th Street End and Inverness
 - Inverness Dr NE between Sand Pt Way and Paisley Dr
 - Paisley Dr NE between Inverness Dr NE and 45th Ave
 - 45th Ave NE between Paisley Dr and 95th
 - NE 95th St between 45th Ave NE and Lake City Way
 - Lake City Way NE between NE 95th St and NE 85th St
 - NE 85th St between 14th AVE and Lake City Way
 - 14th Ave NE between NE 85th and 82nd St
 - NE 82nd St between 14th Ave NE and Roosevelt
 - NE 85th St between Roosevelt Way NE and 15th Ave NW
- **District 6 and 7 boundaries were motioned for a vote by Commissioner Malaba to adopt the below boundary as outlined by Commissioner Shah's map draft seconded by Commissioner O'Sullivan the motion was passed with a vote of 4 to 1 with one no vote from Commissioner Nickels.**
- **A motion was made to amend the above motion for District 6 and 7 boundaries to move the Census Block area that includes all of Perkins Lane and a piece of Briarcliff into District 6, motioned by Commissioner Malaba and seconded by Commissioner O'Sullivan. District 6 and**

7 boundaries, the amendment was passed with a vote of 4 to 1 with one no vote from Commissioner Juarez.

- **District 6 Boundaries**
 - Western Boundary
 - Puget Sound between W Parkmont Pl street end and NW 100th St
 - Northern Boundary
 - NW 100th St between Puget Sound and 23rd Ave NW
 - 23rd Ave NW between NW 100th St and NW 90th St
 - NW 90th St between 23rd Ave NW and 15th Ave NW
 - 15th AVE NW between NW 90th St or NW 85th St
 - NE 85th St between 15th Ave NW and 3rd Ave NW
 - 3rd Ave NW between NW 85th St and N 87th St
 - N 87th St between 3rd Ave NW and Evanston Ave N
 - Evanston Ave N between N 87th St and N 85th St
 - N 85th St between Evanston Ave N and I-5
 - Eastern Boundary
 - I-5 between NE 85th St and NE 50th St
 - NE 50th St between I-5 and Aurora Ave N
 - Aurora Ave N between NE 50th St and Lake Washington Ship Canal
 - Southern Boundary
 - Lake Washington Ship Canal between Aurora (Bridge) and 15th Ave W (Ballard Bridge)
 - 15th Ave W between Lake Washington Ship Canal and W Emerson St
 - W Emerson St between 15th Ave W and 23rd Ave W
 - 23rd Ave W between W Emerson St and W Dravus St
 - W Dravus St between 23rd Ave W and 30th Ave W
 - 30th Ave W between W Dravus St and W Barrett St
 - W Barrett St between 30th Ave W and 34th Ave W
 - 34th Ave W between W Barrett St and W McGraw St St
 - W McGraw St between 34th Ave W and Morley PL W
 - Morley PL W between W McGraw St and Westmont Way W
 - Westmont Way W between Morley PL W and Eastmont Way W
 - Eastmont Way W between Westmont Way W and Edgemont PI W
 - Edgemont PI W between Eastmont Way W and Viewmont Way W
 - Viewmont Way W forms a short dog leg between Edgemont PI W and 36th Ave W
 - 36th Ave W between Viewmont Way W and W Howe St
 - W Howe St between 36th Ave W and 32nd Ave W
 - 32nd Ave W between W Howe St and Puget Sound
- **District 7 Boundaries**
 - Western Boundary

- Puget Sound between Colman Dock and 32nd Ave W Street End
 - Northern Boundary
 - 32nd Ave W between Puget Sound and W Howe St
 - W Howe St between 32nd Ave W and 36th Ave W
 - 36th Ave W between W Howe St and Viewmont Way W
 - Viewmont Way W forms a short dog leg between 36th Ave W and Edgemont Pl W
 - Edgemont Pl W between Viewmont Way W and Eastmont Way W
 - Eastmont Way W between Edgemont Pl W and Westmont Way W
 - Westmont Way W between Eastmont Way W and Morley PL W
 - Morley PL W between Westmont Way W and W McGraw St
 - W McGraw St between Morley PL W and 34th Ave W
 - 34th Ave W between W McGraw St and W Barrett St
 - W Barrett St between 34th Ave W and 30th Ave W
 - 30th Ave W between W Barrett St and W Dravus St
 - W Dravus St between 30th Ave W and 23rd Ave W
 - 23rd Ave W between W Dravus St and W Emerson St
 - W Emerson St between 23rd Ave W and 15th Ave W
 - 15th Ave W between W Emerson St and Lake Washington Ship Canal and
 - Lake Washington Ship Canal between 15th Ave W (Ballard Bridge) and Aurora (Bridge)
 - Lake Union between Aurora Bridge and center of Lake at Lynn St
 - Eastern Boundary
 - E Lynn St between center of Lake Union and Eastlake Ave E
 - Eastlake Ave E between E Lynn St and E Boston St and
 - E Boston St between Eastlake Ave E and Franklin Ave E
 - Franklin Ave E between E Boston St and E Newton St
 - E Newton St between Franklin Ave E and I-5
 - I-5 between E Newton St and James St
 - James St between center of I-5 lanes to 6th Ave
 - 6th Ave between James St and Jefferson St
 - Southern Boundary
 - Jefferson St between 6th Ave and 4th Ave
 - 4th Ave between Jefferson St and James St
 - James St between 4th Ave and 3rd Ave
 - 3rd Ave between James St and Cherry St
 - Cherry St between 3rd Ave and 2nd Ave
 - 2nd Ave between Cherry St and Columbia St
 - Columbia St between 2nd Ave and Colman Dock
 - Puget Sound from Colman Dock at Columbia St to Duwamish Head

XII. Agreements review and final vote

- The Redistricting Commissioners reviewed the final draft and took a final vote on the commissioner draft map plan with the agreed upon boundaries, with an amendment to the motion that City Staff and the Districting GIS Consultant may make minor changes to the map as

needed to clean up the map and minor glitches and/or discrepancies. **Motioned for a vote by Commissioner O’Sullivan and seconded by Commissioner Malaba, the draft map plan was passed unanimously with five yes votes.**

- The final draft will be published August 3rd, 2022

XIII. Next steps

- The Redistricting Commission will take written and verbal public comments until the deadline of November 8, 2022.
- City Staff will publish the draft map plan to the Redistricting website by 8pm on August 3, 2022.
- There will be three additional public forums where community may give their feedback on the draft map plan, starting with the first on Tuesday August 9, 2022, from 12:00pm-1:30pm at the L280 Boards and Commissions Room at 600 4th Avenue, Seattle WA 98104.

XIV. Next meetings

- The next Seattle Redistricting Commission meeting will be the first of three additional citywide public forums that will take place at the L280 Boards and Commissions Room at 600 4th Avenue, Seattle WA 98104 on Tuesday August 9, 2022, from 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM.

XV. Adjourn

- Commission Chair Greg Nickels 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 the first of three additional citywide public forums that will take place at the L280 Boards and Commissions Room at 600 4th Avenue, Seattle WA 98104 on Tuesday August 9, 2022, from 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM.
- Questions and comments, please send them to Elsa.Batres-Boni@seattle.gov