

SEATTLE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

Approved on October 25, 2022

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

Commissioners Absent:

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

(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 12:00 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 questions or concerns from the Commissioners on today’s agenda for the 10.18.22 meeting. Commissioner Nickels motioned for a vote to approve the agenda, with a second by Commissioner Juarez. The 10.18.22 agenda was then passed unanimously with five yes votes.

IV. Minutes approval

- The 10.08.2022 and 10.12.2022 meeting minutes were up for approval at today’s meeting.
- The 10.08.2022 minutes were motioned for approval by Commissioner Shah with a second from Commissioner O’Sullivan. The 10.08.2022 minutes were then passed unanimously with five yes votes.

- The 10.12.2022 minutes were motioned for approval by Commissioner Nickels with a second from Commissioner Juarez. The 10.12.2022 minutes were then passed 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

- Redistricting Commissioners noted that they did not have any potential conflicts of interest to disclose.

VII. Public Education post-map submission

- City Staff Elsa Batres-Boni gave the Redistricting Commission an overview of the budget for Redistricting up until now, notifying them that the Redistricting Commission's start was delayed by a few months due to appointments. DON had budgeted for more outreach and education that was not used in this process. City Staff recommended that we use the remaining funds to do a post-redistricting education campaign that would include contracting with a communications consultant, DON Community Liaisons and Community Based Organizations, all working in collaboration with King County elections.
- The Redistricting Commission delegated education and outreach to the Department of Neighborhoods to work with King County elections and consultants to inform the public on these new changes and to create an RFP for a communications consultant agency. This motion was moved by Commissioner O'Sullivan and seconded by Commissioner Shah. The motion was passed unanimously with five votes.
- A summary of the proposed education budget can be found below at Exhibit A.

VIII. Public Comment

- **Ann Goos** - "Knowing that you still have to decide what maps are going forward we have picked up some information and so I want to be sure that um we provide some comment on the Malaba map and particular the lines that are drawn in the southern part of Magnolia um 28th is a main arterial and the way that you've done the north part on the Malaba map which is basically the rjs map um then cuts down and includes all of the area of Magnolia that has apartments and condos but on the southern side you go down McGraw Street McGraw is the main East-West line a street that goes through Magnolia Village at the part of where you're going down McGraw That is a residential street you then go South on Condon and then you cut on 30th Avenue West I happen to live on 30th Avenue West um ironic as that may be um that is a purely residential street and it's a narrow residential street and it's one thing to crack Magnolia it's another thing to use what is clearly not an arterial Street splitting neighbor from neighbor I do hope and I'm not sure now of the process of what map you're eventually going to go with but if if the Malaba map is where you go it would be wonderful to discuss if there are less disruptive ways to sub neighborhoods to split the southern part of Magnolia and Fracture it um I think there are more major more arterials that could be used and so we look forward to um seeing what uh compromises if any can be made to fix that map so you're not splitting literally neighbors of mine my neighbors from each other thanks."
- **Linda Clifton** - "Thank you very much for allowing us to speak again and for all of the time and dedication it takes to do this difficult work um I want to speak to a couple of things first of all I want to note that as a member of the Fremont neighborhood Council board I want to report that our board voted this past week to support the redistricting Justice Seattle map um both in

the organization and its map particularly because their map keeps Fremont in Canal districts entirely north of the ship canal FNC earlier sent you a letter at the very beginning of this process saying that we were willing to remain split between districts four and six if that helped with the redistricting issues that's where we are now and we're willing to stay that way what we find however is the map we saw last in the last hearing which puts us in districts in three districts is totally unacceptable and the O'Sullivan Amendment we saw last time which puts us entirely in district 7 is also unacceptable and I want to speak for just a minute about why I feel so strongly about this as a resident of East Fremont as a resident of East Fremont I found us as residents fighting crime along Aurora and facing the fact that there is a joint interest on both sides of Aurora in the territory that's mapped as the Fremont neighborhood Council there's been real strength in staying together as a council they helped us fight crime they helped us defeat crime they also helped us with community building we have two beautiful murals that that bridge that that were built because of community input we've had Community cooperation with the with trolls null and with the Pea patches and with the um the trolls Forest that is currently being built to make a better space that makes our neighborhood whole and all of that has come with close relationships with the North Precinct and with our two community council districts those have been important relationships to help all of this work go forward over the last 10 or 12 years we want to maintain those relationships to fracture them would be incredibly problematic we have both I and Erica both submitted comments to those effects with more detail we hope you'll pay attention to those and again we thank you for your work."

- **Erik Pihl** - "Good afternoon uh Chair Malaba and commission members um thank you as well I'd like to join Linden saying thank you so much for your service on the Seattle redistricting commission uh it's uh challenging work and uh at the same time I really appreciate some of the great work you are doing and you've done some great things with the south end um I've lived in Fremont for more than 20 years I've served on the board of the Fremont neighborhood Council for most of that time and including serving as president I've been super engaged uh in neighborhood activism and and very involved with a lot of City agencies include and the city council city attorney's office Department of neighborhoods uh many of them and my wife and I are both activists and actively engaged uh these activities I think give me a unique perspective to really look at the alignment of Fremont and the ways in which Fremont has worked together as a collaborative neighborhood with Ballard Wallingford and Finney and um moreover the ways in which those collaborations are successful uh I'm speaking in support of the redistricting Justice uh proposal and the Malaba Juarez amendment that maintains Fremont's current District boundaries in district 6 and 4. um I do not support the um this course because it is a status quo but because it is the most effective for the city the city council and the Fremont neighborhood and it is the most just solution challenges North and issues north of the ship canal tend to run latitudinally from east to west and west to east and that means the ability for us to collaborate with our neighbors is uh enables us to solve some rather significant and complex issues uh such as you've heard me talk about with the issues on Aurora the public safety issues on Aurora and currently we're working on an issue with Ballard about the re-channelization of Leary Way these uh were able to be effective with these because we can work across our neighborhoods and because we're in the same Council district and because we're all uh north of the ship canal in the North Precinct um I also want to call your attention to a an email you got from received from Toby thaler this morning who was um very involved in the charter 19 Amendment uh and

in fact was the lead draft of the charter Amendment um he has uh come out um suggesting that the issues around Fremont he's he is highly recommending the Fremont is much more aligned with the neighborhoods to its East and West than across the ship canal and to the north with uh Finney Ridge while it was necessary for district boundaries to cross the Ship Canal it is not necessary that more than one District crossed the water he supports the goals of redistricting Justice for Washington and their support for the map uh the prior map deserves considerable weight those are my comments thank you again for your service to the city."

- **Katie Stultz** - "Thank you Commissioner Malaba um and uh the Commissioners this morning my name is Katie Stultz I'm with the redistricting Justice for Seattle um Coalition it's great to see you all this morning really at the very tail end of this Marathon process and I just want to say thank you to all of you I'll keep my remarks short as we can get to um the real business of today uh I'm joining from District Four in Green Lake um uh here in North Seattle I'm excited to just really quickly touch on our hopes for today I want to urge the commission to pass commissioner Juarez Amendment from the last meeting and to really prioritize feedback from the majority of testifiers at the public hearings throughout this process over this process the redistricting Justice for out for Seattle Coalition has gathered over a hundred supporters for our Coalition and as of today we have nearly 220 pledges of support for the rjs map proposal when we have representation of support from every District across the city I just urge you to honor this overwhelming support and consider the rjs map and related amendments in your final map thank you all so much for your service on this commission and the work you have done to lead this process we are also excited to be a part of the process after this of a really public education and it's exciting to hear about the plan to really make sure that organizations and groups and folks that have been a part of this process and really giving feedback will also be a part of making sure that folks know about the changes in the new map um thank you all for the time this morning and look forward to the rest of the meeting take care thank you."
- **Andrew Hong** - "Hi Commissioners my name is Andrew Hong I am a lifelong resident in District 2 in South Seattle um and I'm a campaign coordinator of the redistricting Justice for Washington Coalition and Seattle Coalition um so first uh comes with no surprise but we the Coalition and myself urged the commission to adopt the Juarez amendment to adopt the redistricting Justice for Seattle Coalition map it's a map that was developed over months long of community engagement education and input and we have the it's we have the single most popular map across all seven districts in Seattle um as we heard today Community councils from Fremont for Beacon Hill the central district of the south end all across the city support the rjs map and we have over 210 public or pledge support forms petition signatures from across the Seattle all seven council districts supporting our map this is again the single most popular map and if the commission is going to live up to its stated goals of passing a map that has the most public support in this motion formed by communities and most supported by communities the rjs map in the Juarez Amendment accomplishes that um and on a separate note I I would like to suggest if the commission is building on the three amendments that were proposed on the table last week that the commission votes in order of most sweeping change to least sweeping changes in order to fully you know get a good sense like an appropriate sense of each commissioner's vote um so that would be starting with the Juarez Amendment and then going to the Malaba amendment and then the O'Sullivan Shah amendment I think kind of represents the most sweeping to leave sweeping changes to the current commission draft map which would allow

kind of um a better sense and like a the most accurate sense of each of the commissioner's stances um in order to make the changes uh most reflected by the commissioner's preferences thank you."

- **Janice Traven** - "So I have to say that all of the issues that uh my friend Linda Clifton and Eric peel mentioned as to the sanctity of neighborhoods remaining whole uh as a magnolia resident I'm very sensitive to keeping neighborhoods whole I agree and I think that the commission should pay attention to keeping neighborhoods whole I heard a rumor that the Shah O'Sullivan map is going to be pulled and I want to know I'm very curious to know what non-public influence has occurred since last week or since the draft map which shows Magnolia whole was introduced it can't be because of public comments because on the public comments page the vast majority of public comments since the O'Sullivan Shah map was introduced and then improved to make it more representative most of the comments have supported that map instead of opposed it so if you look at it if it's a numbers game the number of support these O'Sullivan Amendment I'm also very disturbed how this Commission is going to justify deliberately creating a divided community here in Magnolia to remedy wrongs that have been that have divided communities in the past that doesn't seem like justice to me I encourage you to revisit the O'Sullivan Shah map regretfully it covers the the Ship Canal twice that doesn't seem to be an issue when it only affects Magnolia but um I encourage you to keep neighborhoods whole neighborhoods don't get to choose with which district we're in we would like to stay in district 7 with our neighbors Queen Anne we've given that up but don't divide Magnolia thank you."
- **Jennifer Nagel** - "Thank you for all of your hard work I really appreciate it and I know it's very difficult um and I do believe uh that the residents here in Magnolia where I live and I've lived here since 1984 and been involved in in various groups here I really do respect the needs of other communities um as we mentioned before though uh we are all dependent on the three entrances and exits to the neighborhood as well as the businesses and so it's really really important to remain together as a whole community so I really want to encourage the Commissioners to approve um the Shah of Sullivan amended draft uh and if it that is not possible I would like to have the commission consider putting the bridge itself which doesn't have residence with most of the Magnolia Community because that has been an issue for us for a long time in terms of its age and needing replacement but we would very much like to remain together as a community and um in noticing the map I don't know if the Commissioners have already um I'm sure you've already considered uh but revisiting the north boundaries of North Beach and Greenwood and see if those could be adjusted to keep Fremont and Magnolia home just an idea but please please keep us together as a community thank you so much."
- **Patrick Craft** - "I am Patrick craft senior advisor former president of Magnolia Chamber of Commerce and organization nonprofits charitable organizations individuals families businesses large and small all neighbors within the Magnolia Community whose efforts each day support the greater good of the city of Seattle we appreciate the work of the commission we recognize the public comments not actually a dialogue but the nearest we have to communicate to you who we really are and to provide you a fuller picture of the people on the map and the importance of keeping a unified Magnolia with any one District Magnolia is a neighborhood with a rich history of partnership to city-wide aspirations and achievements Partnerships built by engaging voices of people not tearing them down as Seattle benefits when we all work together

Magnolians know what it means to participate for the greater good the people on the map of Magnolia live in the present with an experienced lowa past a vision for the future of an inclusive Seattle collectively richer as every voice is engaged and we urge you to appreciate the Shah O Sullivan map as a recognition of the people who live and work in Magnolia a map that Magnolia is a map of voices living and working within the innate geography surrounded by waterways on all four sides you'll find themselves a doorstep of some sales most complicated capital accentures for the future that all Seattle will benefit from and engaging all voices from within the city council will be critical to the success we ask that you see the map of the people of Magnolia and scored the map that does not dilute voices but engages voices does not fraction and crack apart a neighborhood but so obviously one geographic area of people look at the map as people who consistently contribute to Seattle's progress and allow me to give you an admittedly very Whirlwind tour of the map highlight in just some of those moments let's start along 15th Avenue West you are at the Eastern edge of the people of Magnolia when the city went to burn garbage for decades that was done there at the foot of Magnolia eventually the site is covered and mitigated to become a modest Golf Course for all of us here to enjoy look at the northwest corner that's the people of Magnolia and stunning Discovery Park which once served at the military base for decades it was a Magnolians who most in the least served to the greater good as the city Extinction of that base imagine all the troops and weaponry and vehicles crisscrossing residential streets all those years eventually that base is decommissioned rightfully the United tribes receive Land from the Daybreak star Indian cultural center and the remaining areas become a city's Great Park that the people of Magnolia keep a watch rely upon as the most immediate neighbors lips in northwest corner that's the King County Snohomish County city of Seattle when we went across this Regional sewage it goes through Magnolia look to the northeast corner the Fisheries the railroads these are fundamental foundational economies that participate in the global market Marketplace these are the voices of Magnolia we benefit when we work together please vote for a map of Magnolia as one these are people on the map of Magnolia who participate in the city thank you."

- **Allison Teeter Baker** - "Hi there my name is Allison Teeter Baker and I am a resident of Fremont and I'm also on the Fremont neighborhood Council board and I just wanted to Echo the comments from Linda Clifton and Eric peel regarding support for the Redistricting Justice uh map and also the Malaba Juarez map and I just want to say too that Fremont has offered to stay split in districts four and six and we're willing to remain that way because it's more important that we stay together with those councils and those neighborhoods going east to west and as a parent of young children and I'm involved in other endeavors I know that I collaborate a lot with friends and neighbors and the community going from east to west and just in terms of like Civic issues and public issues um yeah there's a lot more collaboration there than going south of the ship canal and so that's it from me thank you for all the work being done uh regarding this process thank you all."

IX. Map Discussion and Potential Vote on Final Draft

- Mary Ullrich, the Redistricting GIS Consultant, gave the Redistricting Commissioners an overview of all the similarities and the differences of all three proposed amendment draft maps, including the Commissioner O'Sullivan/Shah Amendment, the Juarez Amendment, and the Malaba Amendment.

- Redistricting Commissioners gave feedback on the amendments in discussion and referenced the latest comments and the reasonings behind their amendments.
- **Commissioner Juárez:** “During this past year of work @Redistricting Justice for Seattle has led one of the most comprehensive campaigns for public input on how Seattle should draw its city council maps for the next decade. This included listening to voices that were not always in agreement, building relationships, and seeking experts to craft what has become the most broadly supported map up for consideration, even more popular than those proposed by commissioners or other members of the public. I’ve been transparent in every meeting about how I view my role as a commissioner. It has been to adopt the most fair, equitable, and legal maps possible- that has the broadest public support. There is no monopoly on good ideas and government officials should more frequently serve as a conduit for community led /vetted solutions and get them to a vote. We can model servant leadership in this moment by acknowledging the robust engagement and scrutiny the RJS map has received and offering to vote on that proposal in its original form as created by Seattleites in every district. Throughout this process my colleagues have praised on numerous occasions the deep relationship building and broad coalition that is supporting the RJS Maps. In fact, three of our draft proposals largely mirrored the RJS Map. Subsequent amendments and changes to those first proposals have, in my opinion and reflected in public comment, moved too far away from the public’s preferred map. As is with any redistricting process, not everyone will be satisfied. I have tried to make as many people satisfied as possible. I empathize with Magnolia residents who are being asked to carry the same type of district splits that for decades have been carried by other neighborhoods that have been predominantly people of color, renters, and young people. If we’re truly IN this all together then we all have to BE in it together. No neighborhood can be exempt from the realities of governance and democracy. We cannot simply say "pass" when shared responsibility of living in a community comes to our neighborhood. The RJS map is fair for the most people, splits the least number of neighborhoods, and satisfies our legal requirements and enjoys support in more than one district. In fact, in all but one district, the public comment and testimony clearly expresses a preference for the RJS map. We have a duty to the entire city, and I hope the comments from ALL districts are weighed here in calls for equity and legal compliance. I thank the city residents from every district that for months have helped shape our city’s district lines. Speaking with folks individually, even when we disagreed has been heartening as I hear our shared commitment to Seattle and its electoral systems. It has made me love this city even more. I remain steadfast that within the legal parameters we are guided by and the overwhelming public support of the RJS maps that we have a duty to vote and pass the RJS Map-That’s why I introduced it as my final amendment in this process. Now, you, my colleagues who have worked hard to represent the interests of the city, in transparent and honest debate, guided by the law, will decide if we accept that community led solutions. We have proven that this process can be done in plain view, with the public, and towards a common goal. I am honored to be on this commission with you. Now, I ask you to Please consider supporting my amendment- entirely informed and created by months of work from your neighbors across Seattle. Thank you”.

- **Commissioner Shah:** “Overall, I’m proud of the way that this commission has worked together to listen to communities and do the hard work of analyzing trends and then working with the capable King County GIS team to develop different map options. I know I have spent countless hours with our GIS experts trying to find solutions that will work best for our entire city. As you know, I have explored options that keep Magnolia together in D6 as I do take their needs especially as it relates to bridges seriously. However, this required moving most of Fremont into D7 and crossing over waterways twice which is less than ideal. I also looked at ways to keep the Magnolia business areas together – my colleague Chair Malaba found boundaries that seem to resonate better with the community. Thank you for that. In the spirit of this commission working together, collaborating, and compromising when needed, I support the Malaba amendment/compromise with the hope that we can improve upon the map as suggested by Magnolia. She also adopted some of the boundaries from my previous map that pulls Eastlake into one neighborhood in D3. Thank you for that. Depending on the results of the vote on her amendment, I may withdraw the Shah/O’Sullivan map for consideration. I really do believe that all levels of government should compromise, even down to the levels of commissions like this one. Regrettably, we don’t see that often at any levels of government. Finally, I’ll add that I appreciate all the work of Redistricting Justice for Washington. I think that they have shown that they really understand the needs of residents in the south end of Seattle, the Central District, the U District and even parts of downtown. However, we did not hear many comments directly from residents of Greenwood, Green Lake (which their map includes splitting Woodland Park Zoo into two districts which I’m sure many people would not like) or cutting the Wedgwood neighborhood in half. As we have seen from the experience of Fremont and even Magnolia, for the most part residents haven’t engaged in this process until it effects their own neighborhood. In addition, I have not seen the kinds of outreach in these neighborhoods compared to others. For these reasons, I don’t think it is fair or right to vote on Commissioner Juarez’s amendment and I don’t support making major changes this late in the process. As Andrew Hong stated, this map has the most sweeping changes of all the maps. I request that we vote first on the Malaba amendment.”
- **Commissioner O’Sullivan:** “Thank you chair and thank you to my fellow Commissioners. This has been a phenomenal process to be a part of, just to see the number of people engaged in the process and the passion with which everyone is participating in our democracy. I also really want to thank our staff Elsa and Logan you’ve made this such an open and engaging process. To our GIS team Mary and Dennis and the countless hours that you’ve spent working with me as I try to understand exactly how these maps work, as it’s been an enormously educational process for me. I also really appreciate the work that has been done by the Redistricting Justice Coalition, and that their outreach, their engagement, their participation and the values that they’ve shown in this process, and those are values that I share, ensuring that traditionally marginalized communities are heard, that we combat the history of redlining, that we’re adopting a map that is truly representative of the communities that haven’t had their voices heard in the past. Throughout this process I’ve worked I’ve listened to comments I’ve tried to adopt amendments that were responsive to different people that I’ve heard, different ideas, whether it’s data analysis or coalitions or community groups that are impacted by our decision. I’ve offered amendments I’ve tried to make changes; I’ve tried to work through the process in an

open and transparent way, and as Commissioner Shah indicated, in it at the end, we're never going to make everybody happy. We need to come to a conclusion that is going to be as representative as possible, and so based on my understanding of where we're at, I'm prepared to support Commissioner Malaba's Amendment, and I would like us to vote on that Amendment first. I also at this point in the process at which I think we're going to be communicating to the community of Magnolia that we can't keep Magnolia whole. As such, I would like us to take just a couple more weeks to get more input from Magnolia and see if we can draw the line through Magnolia in a way that attempts to listen to their feedback as closely as possible. That this is a map we've built in some extra time in this process. We've made some really difficult compromises, and Magnolia is going honestly to be taking the blunt of our compromise, and so I want us to take a little bit more time get a little bit more feedback, and try to find a way, even though that community is going to end up being split between two districts, let's try to find a way to listen to the feedback and work through a process to ensure that the line is drawn in a way that does the least amount of harm. So, in conclusion, I'm willing to support Commissioner Malaba's Amendment, with a request from the Commissioners that we adopt this today but taking a little bit more time getting feedback from the community that's going to be most negatively impacted, so thank you very much."

- **Commissioner Nickels:** "First, I want to echo the comments that have been made about the collaborative process that we have gone through, both as colleagues on the commission and with the community as a whole. We've gotten a very good participation, more participation than I had expected at the beginning of the process. Part of that is because of the maps that we've generated of course. I supported the Shah/O'Sullivan Amendment a week ago because I felt it was an improvement in terms of how it treated the Fremont neighborhood, and I supported the newer draft because it treated Magnolia better than the original adopted draft. I however cannot support what I see is a step backward and that is in both Commissioner Juárez's Amendment and Commissioner Malaba's Amendment splitting Magnolia and I disagree Commissioner O'Sullivan with the idea that there's no way that Magnolia can't be split that simply to me is not acceptable. I made a proposal early that would have kept Magnolia whole and kept it with Queen Anne as it historically has been in our political jurisdictions, that kept Fremont whole and together with other communities north of the ship canal. It required us to move District six's Northern boundary from Carkeek Park to the north city limits and its eastern boundary over to I-5. I-5 is, as is the Ship Canal, a huge barrier in our city and I think is, as in the South End, makes sense as a boundary for us that allows Magnolia to stay whole, and to stay south of the ship canal border our district with Queen Anne. It allows the communities north of the ship canal to be kept whole, it does require one crossing and that would have been district four, but I would submit that communities of Laurelhurst and Madison Park have a good deal in common, even though they are separated by a body of water, so I will be voting no I don't know what order these are going to come up in but I will be voting no on the proposals that will re-split Magnolia and should one of those pass, I will resubmit my original proposal that would keep Magnolia whole and keep it with Queen Anne, keep Fremont whole and north of the ship canal. I just don't see a very good rationale for the splitting of a community that everyone acknowledges is both historic and a community of interest thank you."

- Commissioner Chair Malaba:** “I will build on the comments the commissioners have shared here and just express the depth of gratitude to staff for making this such an accessible and easier process for all of us. I also express gratitude to the commissioners for the collaborative spirit that you brought to this table and the extent to which you have extended yourself to listen to the community. I think if folks will really speak to the level at which governments currently listen to community, we've really set the standard in being able to do that and bringing forward community-led solutions and bringing forward all voices. I believe that we do have a duty to the entire city to listen to different voices and the amendment before you, and thanks to the commissioners speaking to the level of collaboration that has happened to get us to this point, really seeks to treat all communities fairly. We had concerns from Magnolia with the initial map that we released and sought to move forward solutions that continue to treat all communities fairly and I looked at ways that the business district can be kept whole the open space in the area can be kept whole and I am open to us extending time to hearing from Magnolia on what alternative lines would ultimately be a good place if we adopt and move this amendment forward. We've also looked at Fremont the change and swap to Fremont was, while really well intended with very strong coordination with community, Commissioner Shah and Commissioner O'Sullivan deeply grateful for the work you did, I know it takes so many hours going back and forth on the equation of balancing the numbers and you did all of that during off hours where you were attending community meetings, you were spending a lot of time with the GIS team to get to an alternative, but we heard from community the concerns that they had, and Fremont has been willing to be split in two districts within District 6 and District 4, and I think all of us as Seattle we have a responsibility to offer gives and gets when you compromise and not only one community or the other being able to sacrifice, and with that I believe the amendment that we have before us works towards a place where we're listening to all of the voices. We're committed to continue to engage extensively with Magnolia once the amendment has been adopted to further understand how best we can have a line that ultimately gets us to a place where the community feels like their voices have been heard.”

- The O'Sullivan /Shah amendment was withdrawn from consideration, and Commission did not move forward with Commissioner Juarez's proposed amendment.
- The Malaba amendment was motioned for a vote by Commissioner O'Sullivan and seconded by Commissioner Shah with the understanding that they will continue to adjust boundaries, especially in the Magnolia area. The 10.18.22 Amended Draft Map was then passed by a vote of 4 to 1, with one nay vote from Commissioner Nickels.
- The commission delegated staff to make the new amended draft available to the public for public comment. The 10.18.2022 Amended Map is available through the following links

 - <https://www.seattle.gov/redistricting/how-to-participate>
 - <https://davesredistricting.org/maps#viewmap::2a8717c5-177e-4fd8-9879-1bd73826af66>

X. Draft Resolution Update

- Commissioner chair reminded Commissioners to respond to send City Staff Elsa Batres-Boni their assigned reasoning behind choices behind the district line boundaries in order to create a draft resolution to be released to the public along with the final map submission.

XI. Next regular meetings

- The Redistricting Commission’s next meeting will be a regular public meeting on October 25, 2022 from 12:00pm-1:30pm at the L280 Boards and Commissions Room at City Hall on Floor L2.
- The Redistricting Commission agreed to move the Tuesday 11.01.22 meeting to Monday, 10.31.22 to accommodate Commissioners’ schedules. This will be a regular public meeting on October 25, 2022 from 12:00pm-1:30pm at the L280 Boards and Commissions Room at City Hall on Floor L2.
- Attached as Exhibit B, is the updated timeline for the Redistricting Commission.

XII. Adjourn

- Commission Chair Malaba asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Juarez motioned for adjournment, and Commissioner O’Sullivan seconded. The motion for adjournment was then passed unanimously with five yes votes.
- Questions and comments, please send them to Elsa.Batres-Boni@Seattle.gov

Exhibit A: Proposed Budget - Public Education Post Map Submission

Plan	Contract in 2022-2023
Consulting communications Contract	45,000
Community Liaison Engagement	10,000
Community Base Organizations Engagement	15,000
Material production	10,000
Language Access	10,000
Total proposed	90,000

Exhibit B: Updated Timeline as of 10.18.2022

Event	Date	Action	Notes
Publish new amended map and invite additional written comment	October 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff publishes latest draft map • Commission invites additional comment 	
Regular meeting	Tuesday October 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map discussion • Public feedback • Potential Vote 	Seattle Redistricting Commission invites additional written and verbal comment

Regular meeting and vote on any final proposed amendments	Monday October 31st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public feedback • If no other changes or amendments • Commission votes on final map 	One week until voting final map
Commission Meeting to Adopt Final Map	November 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission Adopts Final Map • Commission delegates staff to submit new plan. 	Seattle Redistricting Commission votes approves and files final plan with City Clerk. (Next day)
File final map to City clerk	November 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff facilitates transmittal process • Staff posts results to the public. 	<p>Note that the statutory deadline for the City Clerk to transmit the adopted plan to King County Elections is November 15, 2022.</p> <p>https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/Redistricting/Redistricting-and-census-timeline.aspx</p>