



## Minutes of the Redistricting Commission

August 9, 2011

New Holly Gathering Hall, 7054 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S, Seattle, WA 98118

### Commission Members Present:

Lura Powell, Chair  
Tim Ceis

Dean Foster  
Slade Gorton (by Phone)

Tom Huff

### Commission Members Absent:

None

### Commission Staff Present:

Bonnie Bunning  
Heather Boe  
Cathy Cochrane

Genevieve O'Sullivan  
Nick Pharris

### Other Attendees:

Meeting attendees continued to arrive throughout the meeting to attend the public forum that was held following the Commission meeting. A single set of sign-in sheets was used for the meeting and forum.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. with Lura Powell presiding as Chair.

### 2. APPROVAL OF JULY 12, 2011 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for July 12 were presented by the Chair for approval.

**Motion:** Commissioner Ceis moved to approve the minutes.

**In favor:** Commissioners Ceis, Foster, Gorton, and Huff.

**Against:** None.

### 3. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS FOR OUTSIDE COUNSEL

Ms. Bonnie Bunning, Executive Director, reviewed two contracts for outside counsel. One contract is between Commissioners Tim Ceis and Dean Foster and Perkins Coie and the other contract is between Commissioners Slade Gorton and Tom Huff and Davis Wright Tremaine. Ms. Bunning said that a few minor changes had been proposed by Davis Wright Tremaine and that the Commission has not heard back from Perkins Coie. Rusty Fallis, Assistant Attorney General, said he was comfortable with the proposed changes by Davis Wright Tremaine.

**Motion:** Commissioner Huff moved to approve the contracts for legal services with Davis Wright Tremaine and Perkins Coie, respectively, as set forth in the contract documents that are before the Commission.

**In favor:** Commissioners Ceis, Foster, Gorton, and Huff.

**Against:** None.

#### 4. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED

Ms. Bunning reviewed a document in the commissioner's packets that itemizes and indexes all public comments received to date. She explained that the document identifies the sender, sender's location, congressional and legislative districts noted, and the specific issue addressed. The document, with links to the original letter or email received, will be posted to the Website by Friday, August 12. There was a question about the meaning of the asterisk in record 62. Ms. Bunning explained that it was intended to indicate that there was a third-party plan or partial plan associated with that comment but the method for displaying that information had been changed and the asterisk had not been removed as it should have been. Chair Powell thanked the staff for their effort to organize the comments received.

#### 5. REVIEW OPTIONS FOR PRESENTING DRAFT MAPS AND RECEIVING PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Bunning shared a presentation (in packets) and reviewed the commission's timeline for the period between the third-party plan deadline, and the final consensus plan on November 1, 2011. Ms. Bunning suggested two alternatives for public comment on the commissioners' draft plans after their release at the September 13 meeting. Those alternatives included a possible Special Commission meeting to take comment at the end of September or combining the public comment with the regularly scheduled October 11 commission meeting.

She said that in response to Commissioner Ceis' request at the July 12 Commission meeting, staff had investigated a number of Webinar options to solicit remote public comments. She reviewed the goals for the technology and described the features of GoToWebinar, the Webinar technology that appears to most closely meet our needs. She then reviewed a chart comparing meeting technologies and how well they meet the Commission's criteria.

**Motion:** Commissioner Huff moved to hold the next public hearing in conjunction with the October 11 Commission meeting.

**In favor:** Commissioners Ceis, Foster, Gorton, and Huff.

**Against:** None.

Commissioners requested that the October 11 meeting and public hearing include a combination of live broadcast on TVW, with a Webinar, and call-in feature to supplement testimony.

Commissioners Foster and Ceis both asked what kind of verification would be done to third-party plans. Ms. Bunning said that staff would review the third-party plans submitted and verify that the numbers add up and that no changes or modifications would be made by staff. After a brief discussion, commissioners decided that they would prefer to receive the third-

party plans the way they were submitted and do their own verification or analysis of those plans. They would ask commission staff for assistance if necessary.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.