



Minutes of the Redistricting Commission
November 8, 2011

Hearing Room 4, John A. Cherberg Building, 304 15th Ave, Olympia, Washington
Broadcast and Webcast Live on TVW

Commission Members Present:

Lura Powell, Chair	Dean Foster	Tom Huff
Tim Ceis	Slade Gorton	

Commission Members Absent:

None

Commission Staff Present:

Bonnie Bunning	Genevieve O'Sullivan	Nick Pharris
Heather Boe	Rachel Gay	Ryan Wilke

Other Attendees:

David Anderson, Citizen	Estelle Gwinn, The Columbian
Greg Anglemyer, Key Peninsula Metro Parks	Matt Hamilton, Citizen
Adam Bartz, House Democratic Caucus	Dave Kaplan, Citizen
Mary Brandon, Citizen	John Milem, Citizen
James W. Burrows, Citizen	Ryan Moore, Senate Republicans Caucus
Linda Danforth, Congressman Adam Smith's Office	Don Skillman, House Republican Caucus
Rusty Fallis, Assistant Attorney General	K-Y Su, House Republican Caucus
Steve Garrett, Senate/House Democratic Caucus'	Bill Trandum, Key Peninsula Parks
	John Paul Wagemann, Citizen
	Emily Walters, Senate Democratic Caucus

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. with Lura Powell presiding as Chair.

1. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 11, 2011 AND OCTOBER 14, 2011 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for October 11, 2011 were presented by the Chair for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Huff moved to approve the October 11, 2011 minutes.

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

Against: None.

The minutes for October 14, 2011 were presented by the Chair for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Huff moved to approve the October 14, 2011 minutes.

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

Against: None.

2. MATTERS PERTAINING TO REDISTRICTING

a. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Dean Foster began a discussion on the process for working towards consensus on the legislative plan. Commissioner Slade Gorton suggested the state be divided up into eight or nine geographical areas and each party take sections, starting at the corners and move towards the center. Commissioner Tim Ceis said he likes the regional approach if it can be more bipartisan.

Commissioner Tom Huff proposed the subcommittees each comprise one democrat and one republican. The two House appointees, Commissioners Foster and Huff, could work on legislative districts 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 35, and 49. The two Senate appointees, Commissioners Ceis and Gorton could work on legislative districts 1, 10, 21, 32, 38, 39, 40, 42, and 44. Commissioner Foster said he thinks that is an approach the Commissioners should try. Commissioners Ceis, Foster and Gorton agreed with Commissioner Huff's proposal and acknowledged that it eliminated concerns raised by Commissioner Ceis.

Commissioner Huff said he still hoped the Commissioners could finish their work by the end of November. Commissioner Ceis proposed the Commissioners schedule weekly meetings and if more meetings were needed they will be scheduled at a later date. The Commissioners agreed to meet on Monday, November 14 and Tuesday, November 22 and then each Tuesday thereafter through December.

b. Draft Resolution Discussion

Executive Director, Bonnie Bunning, presented a single draft resolution, modeled after the proclamation from Alaska, combining the previously reviewed legislative and congressional resolutions. She explained that section four, error correction for county auditors, was removed from the resolution body, but retained as an attachment.

Commissioner Gorton raised questions regarding contiguity and which plans are used if an elected official is appointed or elected prior to the new plan's implementation. Ms. Bunning and Rusty Fallis, Assistant Attorney General, will discuss these questions further and report back at a future meeting.

Nick Pharris, GIS Map and Data Specialist, assisted Ms. Bunning with presenting examples and illustrations of errors which might need to be addressed by county auditors. Commissioner Foster expressed concern that the Secretary of State's office has not been involved in the discussions along with the county auditors. Ms. Bunning said she would contact them. Commissioners Foster and Ceis inquired about whether the attachment addressed split houses or split lots. Mr. Pharris said the attachment does not address

those issues but his understanding is that the auditors would assign the house to the district in which the bedroom is located.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

John Paul Wagemann, Lakewood, 28th District

Dave Kaplan, City of Des Moines Resident

Matt Hamilton, Graham Citizen

Greg Anglemyer, Key Peninsula Metro Parks

Bill Trandum, Kitsap Peninsula

John Milem, Citizen

A transcript of the public testimony will be published on the Commission's website at <http://www.redistricting.wa.gov/forums.asp> and can be viewed as a webcast at <http://www.tvw.org/media/mediaplayer.cfm?evid=2011110001&TYPE=V&CFID=8292666&CFTOKEN=64089744&bhcp=1>.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.