

**City of Everett
Districting Commission Meeting
Monday –August 31, 2020**

Location: Everett Chanel Time: 6:00 p.m.
Everett Council Chambers – 3002 Wetmore Ave – Everett WA

AGENDA

- **District Commission Roll Call**
- **Approve Minutes**
- **Chair Comments**
- **Staff Comments**

Item 1: Tony Fairfax – Q&A/ map finalize (40min)

Item 2: Nichole Webber – Public meetings (20min)

Item 3: Discussion Items (10 min)

Notes:



City of Everett Districting Commission

Meeting Date and Time: August 03, 2020 6:00 PM

District Commission Roll Call

In Attendance: Mary Fosse, Chris Geray, Jim Langus, Kari Quaas, Simone Tarver, Julius Wilson, Benjamin Young, Ethel McNeal, and John Monroe.

Not in Attendance:

City Staff in Attendance: Nichole Webber, Flora Diaz, Ramsey Ramerman

Approve minutes:

Approved Minutes:

Chair Comments:

Vice Chair Comments:

Staff Comments: Nichole Webber will provide her comments during the Community Meeting Proposal.

Legal Comments:

Staff Comments:

Item 1: Public Comment

Nichole sent public comment links to the commission. Simone started the conversation by asking how many comments were received and opened the floor for discussion. Mary asked about the Eastside district and what the commission's plan was if people focused on it during public comment. Tony Fairfax answered they would have to deliberate and consider other options for the south. Benjamin said the commission needs to have a definitive response about the Eastside and Delta districts. James agreed with Benjamin.

Conversation about receiving public comment: Simone interjected that the commission should use data, community input, and existing knowledge to come to a decision. Ethel stated that we should take what we have to the city for the people to decide, not just focus on one neighborhood. A member of the legal team stepped into the conversation to clarify the notification process if the commission decided to make

additional changes after what they disclose to the public. Kari would like to see more comments from other neighborhoods, and wants to see public comment in a room, not on paper.

Item 2: Community Meeting Proposal

Nichole sent everyone an email about dates and times for public comment. She gave several potential dates in September. John clarified that all these meetings will be held over Microsoft Teams. Nichole discussed the unlikelihood of a physical location being used. James supported what Nichole said, the commission's online forum plan, and the dates that were suggested. Simone asked about the meeting time length, Nichole responded by saying six, two-hour meetings with 90 minutes of public comment each.. Nichole shared her screen to discuss how the meetings will proceed in the future. This included the conversation flow, member responsibilities, question / answer time, and rules. She said written comments will be accepted throughout the entire process. Then Nichole elaborated on her outreach plan, which included using the city website, community emailing list, fliers, the library, newspapers, and working with city council to spread the word. No one had a problem with her strategy. Nichole and Tony discussed his speaking roles in the upcoming meetings and video due dates. Mary asked if additional lines of information could be added to the video at the beginning. Nichole said yes but suggested Simone include the information in her introduction. John asked if Tony will be identifying the requirements the commission must require.

Item 3: OPMA

Ramsey Ramerman from the legal team joined the conversation to talk about the Open Public Meetings Act. The in-person requirement has been suspended by the Governor. Everett will have to create a space for citizens to attend in person to watch the meetings. Kari wanted to know if comments would be monitored on every platform. Ethel asked if the commission would be prepared to answer people who might say they did not have the proper access to the online meeting platforms. Nichole said the city will provide a phone number that gives residents access to listening to the meetings.

Item 4: Map Review

Tony discussed the renaming of district core areas. Kari was fine with it being Delta. Ben asked about possible names. James did not understand why naming matters at this moment. Chris asked if there is a legal requirement to have district cores. Simone thinks we should just decide between Northwest or Delta. Benjamin said that the neighborhood should be named after the largest neighborhood in the district, which is Delta. Simone agreed with Benjamin. Chris motioned to establish Delta as the core. John seconded. Ethel believes the board is favoring Delta. Mary responded that the public comment has been about Delta and that the name is not as important as the future. Simone took a vote. There was a unanimous vote to name Delta the core of district one. Tony asked which district Lake Chaplain should be attached to. He suggested letting the public decide. Julius motioned to move Lake Chaplain to district one. Simone seconded. There was a unanimous vote to move Lake Chaplain to district one. Mary and Nichole discussed legal details regarding the council of neighborhoods.

Next Meeting: 08.31.2020

Materials Provided: Packet and PP

Adjourned