

MEETING OF WENATCHEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RE: ELECTORAL PROCESS

March 14, 2016

WENATCHEE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

129 S. Chelan Avenue Wenatchee, WA 98801

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER 5:30 pm

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS (5 minutes)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 25, 2016, MEETING (5 minutes)

IV. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (40 minutes)

- Report on February 10 meeting at Museum
- Report on February 12 meeting at Community Center
- Status of Wenatchee Valley College meeting (Susan Albert, Gustavo Montoya)
- Other meetings to be scheduled? – Downtown Rotary, United Neighborhood Association
- Additional meetings after committee decides upon recommendation?

V. RESEARCH (20 minutes – Allison Williams)

- History of contested elections in comparable WA cities: Bremerton, Camas, Mount Vernon, Pullman
- Why Bonney Lake and Snohomish abandoned Wards
- Overlay of 5 and 7 districts on 2010 census map

VI. PLAN MEETINGS THROUGH MAY (15 minutes)

- March 28 – Updated population data, Bill Cooper
- April 11
- April 25
- May 9
- May 23

VII. NEXT STEPS (5 minutes)

- Assignments
- Next meeting – Committee: March 28, 2016

VIII. ADJOURNMENT 7:00 PM

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January 25, 2016

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129 S. Chelan Avenue Wenatchee, WA 98801

MINUTES

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I. CALL TO ORDER 5:30 pm

Chair Jean Speidel called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Committee members present were: Susan Albert, Oralia Banuelos, Mario Cantu, Gustavo Montoya, and Rufus Woods. Absent: Carolyn Case, Alma Chacon, Joe Morrison, Karen Rutherford, Mark Urdahl. Staff present were Executive Services Director Allison Williams, City Clerk Tammy Stanger, and Community & Economic Development Director Steve King.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 11, 2016, MEETING

Motion to approve the January 11, 2016 meeting minutes by Susan Albert. Rufus Woods seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

IV. RESEARCH

Community & Economic Development Director Steve King provided a map showing income data per block group of the city. The committee requested a similar map showing the overlay with five districts. He also pulled up a map from the City's consolidated plan with the 2010 census income information.

The committee was provided with statistics from Yakima and Seattle which included the following information: city population, citizen voting age population, number of registered voters, total votes cast for each candidate, and the number of candidates per district before districting and after districting.

The committee would like to see statistics from the last several election cycles of comparable size cities with districts. Staff will send a list of comparable cities with districts to the committee and the committee will choose which ones they want to see.

V. POWER POINT

Chair Jean Speidel led the review of the updated Power Point presentation. Staff will make the changes as requested. Gustavo Montoya will take the lead in translating the Power Point presentation to Spanish.

VI. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Wenatchee Valley College. Susan Albert provided an update. The student leadership council would like to get the support of the political science teachers to allow this as an assignment (which will ensure attendance). They will have some dates to the committee next week to schedule a presentation.

Latino focus. Oralia Banuelos provided an update. One America will have a date scheduled in February. The committee would like to coordinate a presentation with One America's scheduled time in Wenatchee.

Museum – Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. This meeting is confirmed and scheduled. A flyer has been prepared. It will be translated into Spanish as well and distributed to the list of people to invite by the end of this week. City staff will check with the school district and see if headphone sets can be borrowed. Joe Morrison and Gustavo Montoya will be the presenters at this event.

VII. NEXT STEPS

Assignments --

Karen - provide statements for the 3 slides with numbers

Steve - overlay the 5 and 7 district maps on the 2010 census economic map

Allison - send out a list of WA cities with a longstanding district voting process; committee members to select the cities for which we will find out if they have a history of contested elections.

Susan/Gustavo - obtain community forum date from Wenatchee Valley College

Alma - obtain date for joint forum with OneAmerica; invite Diversity Council, etc., to co-sponsor?

Next meeting – Committee: February 22, 2016

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.