

MEETING OF WENATCHEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RE: ELECTORAL PROCESS

March 28, 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 MARCH 14, 2016, MEETING (5 minutes)

IV. VOTING BY DISTRICT (5 minutes – City Attorney Steve Smith)

V. FORENSIC DATA ANALYSIS EXPERT BILL COOPER (50 minutes)

- Updated population data
- Possible 5 and 7 district scenarios
- General discussion

VI. RESEARCH (10 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

VII. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (10 minutes)

- Report on Mariachi Festival outreach (Alma Chacon)
- Status of Wenatchee Valley College meeting (Susan Albert, Gustavo Montoya)
- Other meetings scheduled: Interagency Council, United Neighborhood Association (UNA), Downtown Rotary (Jean Speidel)
- Additional meetings/community input?
- Additional meetings after committee decides upon recommendation?

VIII. NEXT STEPS (5 minutes)

- Assignments
- Next meetings – Committee: April 11, 2016
Interagency Council: April 12, 2016, 10 a.m., WSD
United Neighborhood Association: April 13, 2016, 6 p.m., El Abuelo
Downtown Rotary: April 21, 2016, noon, Red Lion

VIII. ADJOURNMENT 7:00 PM

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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: Susan Albert, Oralia Banuelos, Carolyn Case, Gustavo Montoya, Joe Morrison, Karen Rutherford, Mark Urdahl and Rufus Woods. Participating by phone: Alma Chacon. Absent: Mario Cantu. Staff present: Executive Services Director Allison Williams.

II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Peggy Ludwick, 351 19th St. #5, East Wenatchee, provided comments. She grew up in Wenatchee and moved back to the area in 2015. She lived in Yakima for 38 years and is very supportive of what has occurred there. She believes the new Mayor of Yakima would be happy to talk to this committee.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 25, 2016, MEETING**

Motion to approve the January 25, 2016 meeting minutes by Joe Morrison. Karen Rutherford seconded the motion. Motion carried (9-0).

IV. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Jean Speidel provided her notes and the handouts for the meetings held on February 10th and February 12th. (Museum and Café/Community Center respectively). The committee reviewed the One America presentation. Discussion ensued.

Future community meetings:

- Gustavo Montoya reported that the college has not yet set a time for us. Allison Williams commented that the Diversity Council / YWCA are supporting an event “Stand Up Against Racism” at Wenatchee Valley College on April 28 from 9a.m. to 1p.m. There might be an opportunity to couple a presentation with this event.
- Downtown Rotary – We are asking to be the program at one of their meetings.

- The Parent Advocacy Group was mentioned as a possibility.
- The Interagency Council was mentioned as a possibility.
- Alma Chacon invited the committee to attend a meeting of CAFÉ on Wednesday, March 16, at 6:30 p.m.
- Rufus Woods suggested that we work with the City's Diversity Council to look at a meeting. Allison Williams suggested working jointly with them and the college.
- Alma Chacon proposed developing a questionnaire for the March 18 Mariachi Festival.

V. RESEARCH

In the interest of time, handouts were provided but discussion was moved to the March 28th meeting.

VI. PLAN MEETINGS THROUGH MAY

Following discussion:

March 28 – Bill Cooper, updated population data

April 11 – *Tentative* - General discussion of options

April 25 – *Tentative* – Case statements supporting options

May 9 – to be determined

May 23 – to be determined

VII. NEXT STEPS:

- Jean Speidel will email information regarding Pasco city council elections.
- Jean Speidel will email information regarding the current legislative bills on the Washington Voter Rights Act.
- Jean Speidel will follow up regarding a presentation to Rotary.
- Susan Albert will contact Melissa Hernandez regarding the Parent Advocacy Group.
- Allison Williams will contact Melissa Hernandez regarding the Interagency Council.
- Gustavo Montoya will follow up with the college.
- Alma Chacon will develop a flyer/survey for the Mariachi Festival to obtain feedback.
- Other committee members may pursue additional opportunities for community engagement. They will notify the committee and we will try to have at least two committee members participate.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.