

MEETING OF WENATCHEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RE: ELECTORAL PROCESS

April 25, 2016

WENATCHEE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

129 S. Chelan Avenue Wenatchee, WA 98801

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER 5:30 pm

Chair Jean Speidel called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Committee members present: Alma Chacon, Joe Morrison, Carolyn Case, Rufus Woods, Oralia Banuelos, and Mario Cantu. City staff present: City Clerk Tammy Stanger, Community & Economic Development Director Steve King.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wenatchee City Councilmember Mark Kulaas told the committee that their work efforts were very much appreciated. He hopes the resolution will assist with a fair, equitable and inclusive process, allowing more engagement of the community neighborhoods, bringing out additional participation from citizens.

Peggy Ludwig, of East Wenatchee, WA, is new to the area but has been paying attention to the issue. She would favor 7 districts, as she believes it would provide better representation.

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

Motion to approve the April 11, 2016, meeting minutes by Joe Morrison; Rufus Woods seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

IV. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Report on additional survey results. Alma Chacon will gather additional survey responses at an upcoming meeting hosted by Café at 802 South Mission on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
- Report on Interagency Council meeting April 12. Karen Rutherford attended the Interagency Council meeting on April 12. She wasn't present to report on it but Chair Jean Speidel said she heard it went fine.
- Report on United Neighborhood Association (UNA) meeting April 13. Chair Jean Speidel reported that she and Gustavo Montoya attended the UNA meeting on April 13 and they gave a brief presentation to the about the work of the committee.
- Report on Downtown Rotary meeting April 21. Chair Jean Speidel presented the basic presentation to the Downtown Rotary group of approximately 50 people. Of those in attendance about 6 indicated they would keep the current at large system, 6 people favored 7 districts, and 14 favored 5 districts with 2 at large.

V. DISCUSS POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL

The following committee members shared their recommendations: Carolyn Case, Oralia Banuelos Jean Speidel. Mario Cantu and Rufus Woods spoke to their recommendation that were read at the last meeting. Each committee member present then restated their recommendation and the reasoning for it.

Joe Morrison stated he believed the committee is ready to write their recommendation to the City Council.

At the next meeting the committee will meet in two groups (one group for the 7 district scenario, and one group with the 5-2 district scenario) to begin work on the reports to be presented to the City Council.

VI. NEXT STEPS

- Assignments
- Next meetings:
 - YWCA/Wenatchee Valley College “Stand Against Racism” – April 28
 - Committee – May 9

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jean Speidel adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.