

## City of Everett Districting Commission

Meeting Date and Time: August 26, 2019 6:00 PM

### **District Commission Roll Call**

In Attendance: Simone Tarver, Chris Geray, Ethel McNeal, Benjamin Young, James Langus, John Monroe, Mary Fosse, Kari Quaas, Staff Comments

Not in Attendance:

City Staff in Attendance: Nichole Webber, David Hall, Deb Williams, Administration Intern Jamie Smith

**Approve minutes:** John Monroe made the motion and Ethel McNeal seconded– Motion passes

**Staff Comments:** Process for interviewing the candidates

**Item 1:** Dialogue - potential 9<sup>th</sup> member

- Glen Kadish – 5min
- Julius Wilison -5min

Both Glen and Julius provided opening comments and answered the below questions with a one-minute time cap.

- Please explain your involvement in Everett Districts Now
  - Glen: only financially supported
  - Julius: high involvement, volunteering and financially supporting
- Have either of you felt you were not represented on City Council (area you live)
  - Glen: feels represents but doesn't feel all areas are represented
  - Julius: does not feel his area is represented
- What would representation feel like to you?
  - Glen: Diversity on all fronts and a representative from where one lives
  - Julius: it would feel/look like a place people would like to live
- Have you ever seen the effects of Districting benefit a community?
  - Glen: Yes and No, but we can try it here – we have seen this in the Midwest and Yakima
  - Julius: Yes, giving people power to create change references Seattle/New York
- How can you support the committee to achieve expected outcomes?
  - Glen: legal background, ability to be objective, helping to move things forward and high involvement
  - Julius: unique background and different perspective and service
- Can you speak to the value on community engagement in this process and what it looks like to you?
  - Get people involved that are not currently involved and create access

- Looks like a place people are safe and want to help out – protecting your community
- Can you speak to the value of having someone with your address/neighborhood on the commission?
  - Glen: unique experiences
  - Julius: unique experiences
- Convince me that your joining this commission will prevent gerrymandering and you care about the little people
  - Glen: I am here because I care, Gerrymandering is so offensive
  - Julius: I have a string moral compass

**Item 2:** Discussion on the Q&A with 9<sup>th</sup> member candidates

**Item 3:** The Commission elects Julius Wilson with a 6:2 final vote

**Item 4:** Chair Discussion and Appointment

- This commission decided to elect both a chair and vice chair
- Simone Tarver was elected chair with a majority 4:3 (Julius recuses himself due to lack of information) Chris Garay is elected vice chair with a 8:0 majority (Julius recuses himself)

**Item 5:** Meeting times and schedules. There are some conflicts with the schedule but we are working to find a time/ day that will work for the group.

**Materials Provided:**

Robert Rules of order

Mary's Rules

**Next Meeting:** 10/30/10 at 6:00 PM

Adjourned: 7:25 PM