

LWV-Kitsap Bremerton/CK Unit Meeting Notes

Saturday, October 16, 10AM-Noon

Kitsap United Way Conference Room/Zoom

In-person: Daryl Daus, Connie Marchant, Kathleen Cahall, John Cervinsky, Maureen Cervinsky

Remote: Susan Griggs, Martha Burke, Maurie Louis, Pat Troxell, Denise Justice, Gail Sackman

We recorded Daryl Daus's update on the current state of the redistricting process and it is now posted on our YouTube Channel. Access it with the following link:

<https://youtu.be/TfOsZWb3RVg>

The projection for the county commissioners is that little will change in the current district lines. One interesting talking point, **NOT** related to the current redistricting work, was raised by Martha Burke--Kitsap County is close to the threshold for creating a **FIVE** commissioner county council as opposed to the current **THREE** person commission. An interesting conversation ensued, and the members present were interested in learning more about increasing the number of county commissioners to better serve the residents of Kitsap County.

Three important dates for county commissioner redistricting are:

- Public open house: **Wednesday, 6 p.m., November 3** for the public to ask questions and make general comments.
- Public hearing before the Board of County Commissioners: **Monday, 5:30 p.m., November 22, 2021**. **Zoom links will be provided to both events closer to the meeting dates.**
- The Board of Commissioners must approve a redistricting plan by **December 31, 2021**.

After Daryl's presentation, we covered some unit business:

1. I am looking for **someone to write a paragraph each month for the Voter**. The paragraph would briefly cover our activities for the current month and our plans for the next month. It is due on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Please let me know if you are willing to do this.
2. Voter Services: We have completed our forums. Our unit USPS mailbox/auditor drop box signs have been distributed around the B/CK community. We registered voters. **Now we are waving our GoVote signs**. You are invited to join the fun at two locations from 4 to 5PM at the east Bremerton Fred Meyer, and in west Bremerton, at the intersection of National Avenue and Kitsap Way, on the following days:
Friday, October 22, 4-5PM
Saturday, October 23, 4-5PM
Thursday, October 28, 4-5PM

Let me know if you would like to participate and I'll connect you with the other volunteers.

3. Kathleen Cahall shared some possible actions we may take as suggested in *Becoming a Democracy*. Kathleen reiterated that Washington state already has many of the recommended policies in place, but emphasized that we may still support legislation that protects voting rights and improves representation of our citizens.
4. **CHANGE OF LOCATION:** Thursday, October 28, 5:30 PM book discussion: Some plan to **meet to discuss *So You Want to Talk about Race***. It was suggested that **Spiro's** on Kitsap Way would provide us with a more private meeting room for this discussion than Tony's. So, if you'd like to join the conversation, we are moving to a new location, Spiro's. I've tentatively reserved the space for 10, but it accommodates 30, so all are welcome. The address is **3329 Kitsap Way, Bremerton**. Another book that many of us have read, *White Fragility*, was also mentioned as a source for further dialog. Please let me know if you are considering attending.

Next unit meeting: Saturday, November 20, 10 to noon, both in-person at United Way or remote via Zoom. We are talking with **Bremerton School District's Assistant Superintendent Iva Scott** about how Bremerton is handling the focus on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, but also just touching base to hear about how the school year is going and anything we might do to be supportive.

Submitted by Maureen Cervinsky