

Minneapolis Charter Commission Minutes

January 6, 2016 - 4:00 p.m.

Room 317 City Hall, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Members Present: Commissioners Barry Clegg (Chair), Dan Cohen, Todd Ferrara, Jill Garcia, Barbara Lickness, Jana Metge, Toni Newborn, Andrea Rubenstein, Jan Sandberg, Lyall Schwarzkopf, Aaron Street

Members Absent: Commissioners DJ Heinle, Andrew Kozak, Jeffrey Peltola, Matt Perry

1. Roll Call

Chair Clegg called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

2. Adopt Agenda

On motion, seconded, the agenda was adopted with the following amendment: Addition of item #8, a discussion on the role and purpose of the Charter Commission as relates to public engagement.

3. Approve minutes of regular meeting of December 2, 2015

On motion, seconded, the minutes were approved.

4. Chair's Report

Toni Newborn was introduced to the Commission and she gave a brief background of her history.

Chair Clegg gave an update on the Park Board's "Close the Gap" initiative.

A heads up was given on administrative revisions coming forward to the next Commission meeting as a result of the Plain Language Charter amendments.

5. Election of 2016 Charter Commission Officers

The following officers were elected for 2016: Chair/Barry Clegg; Vice Chair/Jan Sandberg; Secretary/Lyall Schwarzkopf.

6. Board of Estimate & Taxation (BET) Voting Thresholds

Consider a possible Charter Amendment for passage by Ordinance revising the supermajority approval thresholds for certain actions by the Board of Estimate and Taxation.

Following discussion, on motion by Clegg, approved on voice vote, the item was Continued to the February 3, 2016, Charter Commission meeting.

7. Charter Commission 2015 Annual Report

Receive and file Charter Commission 2015 Annual Report, and direct the Clerk to submit the report to the Chief Judge of Hennepin County District Court.

On motion by Clegg, seconded, the report was received and filed and the clerk was directed to submit to the Chief Judge.

8. Role/Purpose of Charter Commission

Discussion on the role and purpose of the Charter Commission as relates to public engagement.

Following discussion, on motion by Clegg, approved on voice vote, the item was Continued to the February 3, 2016, Charter Commission meeting.

Public Commentary: There was no one wishing to speak.

On motion, seconded, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Submitted by Diana Armstrong, Charter Commission Coordinator