

Minneapolis Charter Commission Minutes

Regular Meeting

**Wednesday, November 3, 2010 - 4:00 p.m.
Room 317 City Hall, Minneapolis, Minnesota**

Commissioners Present: Clegg (Chair), Connell, Ferrara, Gerdes, Jancik, Lickness, Metge, Peltola, Rubenstein, Sandberg, Schwarzkopf

Commissioners Excused: Dolan, Kozak, Lazarus, Stade

Also Present: Dana Banwer, Assistant City Attorney

1. Roll Call

Chair Clegg called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Roll call was taken.

2. Adopt Agenda

Commissioner Lickness moved adoption of the agenda with the knowledge that Item 4 would be postponed if former Chair Bernstein was unable to attend the meeting. Seconded. Adopted upon a voice vote.

Absent - Dolan, Ferrara, Kozak, Lazarus, Schwarzkopf, Stade.

3. Approve minutes of regular meeting of October 6, 2010

Commissioner Lickness moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 6, 2010. Seconded.

Adopted upon a voice vote.

Absent - Dolan, Ferrara, Kozak, Lazarus, Schwarzkopf, Stade.

Presentation

4. Presentation of Resolution honoring former Charter Commission Chair Jim Bernstein

Due to the fact that former Chair Bernstein was unable to be present, the item was postponed.

Discussion

5. Discussion of Ballot Question Results and Next Steps

Clegg stated that during the past month he had participated in a redistricting forum at the Humphrey Institute, a League of Women Voters cable television program, the "Truth to Tell" radio program, and had met with the Star Tribune Editorial Board. Since the redistricting amendment had now been passed by the voters, he suggested that at the December meeting a subcommittee be formed to consider the job description and application process for the Advisory Group. A Rules subcommittee should also be formed to begin developing draft rules for redistricting to be adopted by the full redistricting group which will include the advisory group. He also requested that the City Attorney review the proposed timeline to determine if there were any other relevant dates that should be included.

Peltola suggested soliciting law students from the Humphrey Institute or other local law schools to take on a master's project to chronicle the redistricting events so that when the

process is complete, there will be something to reflect on to decide what kind of changes might be needed when redistricting takes place again in ten years.

Lickness distributed a map showing the results of the Charter amendment vote by precinct.

Clegg thanked the Commissioners for their work on the amendment and their work going forward both on the redistricting process and the Plain Language Charter Revision.

Lickness thanked Commissioner Clegg for all the work that he had done to explain, educate, and inform the voters about the redistricting amendment.

6. Update from City Attorney regarding status of Plain Language Charter Revision

Dana Banwer, Assistant City Attorney, stated that she had met again with City Attorney Susan Segal and Deputy City Attorney Peter Ginder to discuss the Revision. Updates will also now have to be made to reflect the redistricting amendment. When all changes are made, they will meet with Council Members Glidden and Lilligren to discuss issues that have been identified as potential policy issues that the City Council will need to consider, as well as meet with the Charter Commission to discuss the document, as revised.

7. Proposed 2011 Meeting Dates:

January 5	May 4	September 7
February 2	June 1	October 5
March 2	July 6	November 2
April 6	August 3	December 7

Connell moved to adopt the above schedule as the 2011 meeting schedule. Seconded.

Adopted upon a voice vote.

Absent - Dolan, Kozak, Lazarus, Stade.

Pubic Commentary

There was no one present wishing to address the Charter Commission.

Lickness moved to adjourn. Seconded.

Adopted upon a voice vote.

Absent - Dolan, Kozak, Lazarus, Stade.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.