

Minneapolis Charter Commission Minutes

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 4, 2006 - 4:00 p.m.

Room 317 City Hall, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Commissioners Present: Lazarus, Clegg, Bujold, Connell, Dolan, Ferrara, Klassen, Lichty, Rubenstein, Stade

Commissioners Excused: Bernstein, Ponsford, Remme, Street

Commissioners Absent: Metge

Also Present: Lisa Needham, Assistant City Attorney

1. Roll Call

In the absence of Chair Bernstein, Chair Pro Tem Lazarus called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Roll call was taken.

2. Adopt Agenda

Commissioner Clegg moved adoption of the agenda. Seconded. Adopted upon a voice vote.

3. Approve Minutes of September 6, 2006

[Minutes of September 6, 2006](#)

Commissioner Clegg moved approval of the minutes of September 6, 2006. Seconded. Adopted upon a voice vote.

New Business

4. Form five committees of three members each to review the points raised by the City Attorney's analysis of Draft 9 of the revision to the Minneapolis City Charter.

Chair Lazarus asked for suggestions regarding the formation of committees.

Commissioner Ferrara stated that he believed that at the last meeting Chair Bernstein stated that he was going to put some thought into the committees. Commissioner Ponsford also suggested that the committees should be divided up by the Commissioners who have experience on the Commission.

Chair Lazarus inquired if the formation of the committees could take place by email. Assistant City Attorney Needham saw no reason that would pose a problem.

Commissioner Clegg suggested encouraging members to make suggestions to Chair Bernstein and Vice Chair Lazarus, and then delegate to the Chair and Vice Chair the authority to form the committees.

Commissioner Dolan moved that Chair Bernstein and Vice Chair Lazarus select the five committees and assign sections of Draft 9 to review based on the comments of the Minneapolis City Attorney's Office. Seconded.

Adopted upon a voice vote.

A discussion ensued on when the committees would meet and when they would report back to the Commission. It was decided that one person on each committee would be responsible for getting the dialog started. A preliminary review by each committee should be brought to the next Commission meeting.

The Commissioners sent Chair Bernstein their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Commissioner Lichty moved to adjourn. Seconded.
Adopted upon a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Peggy Menshek
Charter Commission Coordinator