Charter Review Commission
Minutes
WebEx Board Meeting
May 17, 2022 7:00 PM

Members Present: Chair Kevin Owen and members John Becker, Harold Hodges, Jack Kelly, Sally Kram, Robert Kurnick, Anita Powell, Izola Shaw, Marissa Valeri, and Robert Wright

Staff Present: City Clerk Sara Ferrell and Deputy City Clerk Danny Winborne were present.

I. Welcome

City Clerk Sara Ferrell opened the meeting via WebEx at 7:07 p.m. Chair Owen welcomed all those present.

II. Approval of Minutes—March 29, 2022

Motion: To approve the minutes from March 29, 2022.

Moved by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Valeri, and approved unanimously.

III. Scope and Timing of the CRC’s Final Report

Chair Owen summarized Mayor Newton’s May 4 e-mail to the Commission. The Mayor and Council made the decision to remove “Part B” of the Commission’s report and to have the commissioners present a report regarding “Part A” only. Chair Owen reminded the commissioners that there will be no extension past June 30, 2022, as the final report will be due at that time.

Discussion took place regarding the importance of “Part B” and if the Commission would be able to address some subsets of “Part B”.

IV. Reminder to Address Res. 9-20 (Part 2e) in Reports (Commissioner Shaw)

Commissioner Shaw reminded the commissioners to include their racial equity and social justice analysis and recommendations in their report.
V. Status Report from each Working Group

- Board of Supervisors of Elections

Commissioner Kelly indicated that racial equity and social justice analysis was not applicable to the topics the BSE working group addressed in its report. However, Commission Kelly stated he would welcome input from the other commissioners regarding the abovementioned topic, and others when the final report is presented. Other commissioners felt that a racial equity and social justice lens is applicable to the BSE Working Groups topics.

- Mayor and Council

Chair Owen stated that the “Resign to Run” provision’s legal opinion will be handled by the City Attorney’s Office and not the Commission as it is a policy recommendation that could potentially affect state law.

Commissioner Valeri indicated that the working group would present its report at the Commission’s June 14, 2022 meeting.

- Election Process/Franchise Expansion

Commissioner Shaw stated that the working group has a rough draft available and will need to meet again before its final report is presented.

VI. Report Appendix

Each working group explained the information in each of their respective appendices. Staff reminded the commissioners that they will not edit any of the content in their respective reports.

Chair Owen suggested the working groups include a cover page to each appendix explaining their findings and shortcomings. Discussion took place.

Final reports are due to staff by June 16, 2022.

VII. Old/New Business

There was no old/new business.

VIII. Future Meetings

Tuesday, May 31, 2022—7:00 p.m. —the Board of Supervisors of Elections subgroup will present their report
Tuesday, June 7, 2022—7:00 p.m. —the Election Process/Franchise Expansion subgroup will present their report
Tuesday, June 14, 2022—7:00 p.m.—the Mayor and Council subgroup will present their report

IX.  Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Motion: to adjourn.

Moved by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Valeri and approved unanimously.