

April 7, 2021 Charter Review Commission Regular Meeting

Call to Order: Chair Kevin Ranker called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

Roll Call: Sharon Abreu, David Anderson, Bill Appel, Janet Brownell, Kyle Davies, Paul Dossett, Patty Garcia, Tony Ghazel, Richard Grout, Liz Lafferty, Bob O'Connell, Kevin Ranker (Chair), Olivia Roseberry (Vice Chair), Maureen See, Anne Marie Shanks, Tom Starr. David Dehlendorf's absence was excused. Jane Fuller joined later.

Others Present: SJC Auditor Milene Henley, Prosecuting Attorney Randy Gaylord, Deputy Minor Lile, Alexandra Gayek, Ben Bama, Michelline Halliday, Carl de Boer, Kathryn Hansen (CRC Assistant), and one unidentified caller.

Approval of March 31, 2021 meeting **minutes**.

MOVED by Bill Appel; **SECONDED** by Olivia Roseberry, to approve the Minutes as presented. Discussion followed. 17 Ayes, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained. **MOTION PASSED.**

Budget Efficiencies. Kathryn reviewed current expenses. Kevin Ranker will prepare a budget proposal for the April 14 meeting.

Committee Reports. Kevin thanked the committees for their work and suggested that they start winding up their work. He hopes to hear from 2 committees each of the next two weeks. He's looking to have recommendations shared and allow time for discussion, adding that committees don't need to be finished with their work to present. Leaders should share their ideas and take CRC input. If committees have task lists, they should submit those to the CRC before the meeting. Findings should be completed by early May, when the focus will shift to drafting final recommendations. Kevin reminded leaders that they can sit in on other committee meetings (if total membership attendance does not exceed 8) to help coordinate effort on similar topics.

- Climate & Environment. Anne Marie reported that the committee supports a full-time position to address climate and environment issues. They are mulling over working titles for the position and a mission statement for consideration by the CRC. They would like to present those items at the May 5th meeting, with time on May 19 to respond to that input.

Anne Marie took questions and comments from the membership about an interface with the Bill of Rights and Rights of Nature, how to pay for the position, potential for grant funding, enforcement authority, appointment versus election, role within the County structure and relationship to Council, how to implement the protections needed, and the possibility of floating with a proposal to fund with a new property tax.

- Justice & Equity. Jane Fuller shared a PowerPoint showing status of ideas under consideration, including those brought up at Town Halls. She noted that our County is only one of two of the seven Charter Counties in the state that does not have any language about non-discrimination in the charter document. They will work with the other committees to ensure that all Charter sections have inclusive language. The committee plans to present the top three proposals to the CRC after some additional research and counsel from the Prosecuting Attorney. Jane asked for additional members to join their small committee. Members asked questions about whether a proposed Law & Justice oversight commission should be appointed or elected, enforcement power, Personnel Manual, and Mission Statement. Jane has offered to do diversity analyses of the County staff for the Human Resources department.

Open for Public Comment. Chair Ranker opened public comment.

Alexandra Gayek, Orcas Island. She thanked the Justice and Equity Committee for their work, adding that she has increased her interest in this area.

Minor Lile, Orcas Island. He has written six articles identifying various issues being evaluated. He is tracking committee meetings on YouTube and the CRC webpage. He would like access to issue status reports, if there are others, like the Governance document published on the website.

New Business. Bob O'Connell shared a postcard received from the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation about a Maritime survey. More information at <https://preservewa.org/ahoy>.

Kyle Davies asked how long it takes for committee recordings to get posted to the YouTube Playlist. Olivia Roseberry said she sends them to IS every other day.

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm.

Kathryn Hansen
Recording Secretary

Minutes were approved by consensus at the April 14, 2021 Regular Meeting