

## March 3, 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, David Dehlendorf, Paul Dossett, Jane Fuller, 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. Kyle Davies' absence was excused.

**Others Present:** SJC Auditor Milene Henley, Minor Lile, Carl de Boor, Kathryn Hansen (CRC Assistant), and one unidentified caller. Randy Gaylord and Julienne Battalia joined later.

Approval of February 24, 2021 meeting **minutes**.

**MOVED** by Robert O'Connell, **SECONDED** by Anne Marie Shanks, to approve the Minutes as presented. Discussion followed. 17 Ayes, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained.  
**MOTION PASSED.**

Chair Ranker expressed his intent to have two County officials speak at the March 10 meeting. He also wants to have other elected officials & department heads attend and present at future meetings.

Kevin welcomed County **Auditor, Milene Henley** to present about her department. The Auditor's office is responsible for four activities – Licensing, Recording, Finance, and Elections. Milene described the work of the Auditor's office and impacts of COVID in 2020. Members queried the Auditor on many subjects, including receipt of revenues, the option of combining two or three of the Financial departments (Auditor, Treasurer, Assessor), County budget development, qualifications for elected officials, cross-training of her staff, recording fee. Chair Ranker commended Milene for her presence in Olympia, representing the County and protecting local services.

**Consistency in Committee operations.** Olivia Roseberry summarized Randy Gaylord's responses to four questions related to CRC Committees. Olivia and Kathryn will coordinate to get agendas, minutes, and recordings on the website. Members were asked to review that e-mail forwarded by Olivia Roseberry on March 3 and to manage committee meetings accordingly.

**Committee Reports.** Kevin asked Committees to highlight discussions and issues that are gaining traction. Reports were given by each committee. Identifying issues to delve into was the common theme for all. It was also acknowledged that there may be some cross-over between committees. Kevin encouraged all to bring concerns to future meetings of the whole. If a committee is ready for legal input on issues, please let Kevin know before Wednesday, March 10 (there will be more opportunities; this is just the first).

**Open for Public Comment.** Chair Ranker opened public comment. There was none.

**Town Halls** March 12 & 13. Kevin asked for any additional highlighted topics to be brought to the March 10 CRC Regular meeting. He plans to start the Town Halls with a brief explanation of what the Charter is and what it is not, perhaps with a few slides. The meeting will then be opened for public comment, limited to 3-5 minutes, to allow everyone who wishes to speak to have that opportunity. Longer comments can be submitted to the CRC in writing. Members

agreed that is important to fully engage and listen to each person, making this public input the focus of the meetings.

**Return to two-hour meetings?** All agreed to attempt a two-hour meeting on March 10.

**Open for Public Comment.** Chair Ranker opened public comment. There was none.

**New Business.** There was none.

**Meeting adjourned** at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Hansen  
Recording Secretary

*Minutes were approved by consensus at the March 10, 2021 Regular Meeting*