

**Charter Review Commission (CRC) SPECIAL Meeting Notes
Monday, May 31, 2021**

1. Call to Order - 4:03pm

2. Roll Call:

In attendance: All except Commissioner Ghazel. Commissioner Grout joined late.
Members of the Public: Megan McLean, Minor Lile, Michelline Halliday

3. Approve Minutes of May 27, 2021:

Motion by Maureen, seconded by Olivia, to adopt the minutes (Bill & Liz abstained).
Minutes approved.

4. Discuss proposed options for submitting ballot amendments:

- Executive Committee report presented by Commissioner Jane Fuller:
- Acknowledged Megan McLean's help with wordsmithing & slide presentation.
- Proposed submitting the amendments in two batches: Five amendments proposed for 2021 ballot & six amendments proposed for 2022 ballot
- Discussed what amendments are recommended to become recommendations.
- Discussed postponing the CRC's June 8 presentation to SJCC.

Discussion following Jane's presentation:

- Patty stated her preference for the Preamble to go on the 2021 ballot.
- Kevin: There needs to be a very clear firewall between being an elected commissioner and campaigning. You cannot use any public funds, including public email. You can describe yourself as a Charter Review Commissioner, but you must be clear you're only speaking as an individual, not as a representative of the CRC when campaigning for ballot amendments.
- Bob suggested submitting our "Final Recommendations" in September or October, after which time we are no longer elected officials.

Motion by Janet, seconded by Liz, to postpone the scheduled June 8 meeting with the SJCC.

Friendly Amendment by Kevin to add that we will let the SJCC know when we're going to reschedule, if we're going to reschedule. (Confirm the language on this - 4:50pm)

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

- Kevin: Could do a "Friends of the Charter" amendment - he would make sure we get very clear advise from our counsel and anyone else we can bring in.
- Maureen: You can support an amendment, but you have to do it differently.
- David would replace the Term Limits amendment with the J&E amendment (#8?) for 2021.

5:01pm Dick Grout joined the meeting.

- Kevin: There could be challenges to the 2nd ballot.
- Kevin: Have the leads of C&E and J&E make brief comments about those amendments in the town halls.
- Janet to speak about Use of Lodging Tax Monies - recommendation

Kevin: Last Tuesday's SJCC had a discussion about the CRC. He hasn't seen it yet.

Motion by Janet, seconded by Anne Marie moved to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee, as presented by the Executive Committee.

Discussion:

Friendly Amendment by Liz to leave the door open for later recommendations.

Friendly Amendment accepted by Janet and Anne Marie.

David D asked if one or two batches is still on the table.

Kevin thinks it is.

Janet? - We need a path forward, so we need to vote on a plan that is well thought out and elegant.

Vote: 14 in favor; 1 opposed (Bill), 2 abstentions (Tom & Paul)

Motion carried.

5. New Business:

Discussion about Town Halls:

- Kevin asked for leads to speak on some of the more comprehensive issues - Anne Marie, Jane (others?)
- **Mention before slide show** that we are considering proposing some amendments in 2021 and some in 2022, but we are still under consideration, and will be clarified in the coming weeks.
- Opening slide will say what the Charter is.
- Next slide will have the commissioners names and emails.
- Then we'll present the work that we've produced since mid-February, many in direct response to comments from the community, including BLM and climate protests in SJC.
- Slides containing one or more amendments - not using the subcommittee names.
- Anne Marie will speak on the Climate & Environment amendments.
- Jane will speak on the Justice & Equity Committee amendments and recommendation.
- There will be a slide with rules for the meeting - keep everyone to about 3 minutes to make sure everyone has a chance to speak. State your name and where you're from as

part of the rules. Not impugning community members or CRC members also part of the rules.

- We won't get into back and forth but we will respond to people's comments after the town halls. Ask that people please put their email in the chat if they would like a response.
- Bob: Appoint a timekeeper that alerts people when they have 30 seconds left. **Bob is timekeeper.**
- Liz: Likes Jane's choice of language of "urgency" as opposed to "importance".
- Anne Marie: A member of the public suggested to us that we don't let erroneous statements just sit out there. But how to we do that without getting into a back and forth?
- Kevin: It's difficult. He would welcome the leads of the subcommittees to speak to anything said during subcommittee meetings. That said, if ANY of us would like to clarify something, **ask Kevin** if you can do that. But be aware you run the risk of getting into a back and forth, we want to avoid that.

Discussion about Town Halls continued (post-public comment period):

- Discussion of which committees will still be meeting and which can be taken off the calendar at this point.
- Olivia/Kevin: Have a discussion on how things could be smoother in the CRC process.
- Dick: Has a specific idea for amending the Charter for presentation to the SJCC and can talk with Bob about that.

Schedule of Upcoming CRC Meetings:

- Week of May 31, full CRC meets at 4pm on Wednesday & 10am on Thursday
- Week of June 7, full CRC meets at 10 am on Thursday & 2pm on Friday
- No date yet for another Executive Committee meeting – we'll circle back at the full CRC meeting this Thursday. The Executive Committee will probably meet shortly after that.

6. Open for Public Comment:

Michelline Halliday (SJI): Acknowledged the lack of communication within the county when we need it - she really feels for the CRC members. She's so appreciative of all of us.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 6:06 pm

Sharon Abreu
CRC Member

Minutes were approved by consensus at the June 3, 2021 Regular Meeting