

Charter Review Commission (CRC) SPECIAL Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2021

1. Call to Order (4:05 approx) (Note: Recording started late, recap provided)

- 1a. Land Acknowledgement
- 1b. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call:

In Attendance: Kevin, Kyle, Bob, Liz, Jane, Sharon, Janet, Maureen, Tom, Dave A, Paul, Patty, Dick, David D, Anne Marie, Tony (joined late) (Absent: Olivia, Bill)

Members of the Public: Gordy Petersen, S.French, Sienna Boucher, Erika Ann, Steward McDougall, OnePlus Nord N10 5G

3. Approve Minutes from October 6 meeting: Minutes adopted, as amended.

- Amendment to the Oct. 6 minutes: Tom's letter he read was from himself, not from his constituents.
- Amendment to the Sept. 15 minutes: 2nd recommendation - Maureen presented.

4. Discuss presentation of Recommendations to County Council

Kevin: Two separate letters to the SJCC - We need someone to write a letter for the recommendations and someone to write a letter for the amendments.

Discussion, including:

- Bob: Recommendation re Community Values – We might want to wait a couple of weeks to see if the amendment gets adopted. Aimed not only at SJCC but at various dept. heads and elected officials in county government - asks them to have their performance guided by these Community Values.
- Kevin: Our final work will be in the form of a resolution to the SJCC – draft is being worked on. We could present to the SJCC at their Nov. 16 meeting – he'll circle back with Kathryn and the SJCC to confirm this date will work.
- **Maureen to go to Orcas and Lopez to collect signatures on the final resolution** – would have to be before Nov. 16, so the resolution would need to be reviewed by all CRC members at the Nov. 10 meeting. Anyone want to go with her?
- Kevin: Do we have backgrounds for each recommendation formally prepared?
- Jane: Yes, there is an introductory paragraph for each – contextual information that indicates where these recommendations are coming from in terms of the work that we did. Communicating them verbally would be so we could answer any questions the SJCC has.

- Kevin: **We should all take a look at the recommendations again to see if any require further additional information.** Try to present all three of our final documents at one SJCC meeting.
- Bob: Formal findings are not required for the recommendations as they are for the proposed Charter amendments on the ballot.

5. Action on Prosecuting Attorney's memorandums of advice: Waiving the right of privilege on attorney-client privilege.

Discussion, including:

- Dick: We absolutely should not do it. The county does not advise it – it sets a bad precedent.

(Commissioner Tony Ghazel joined the meeting.)

- Bob agreed with Dick.
- Tom re-read his letter. Some of his constituents asked to know more about the advice the CRC has received from the Prosecuting Attorney.

Motion by Tom, seconded by Paul, to make memos from Randy Gaylord to the CRC public.

Discussion, including:

- Bob: Nothing in the law that has to do with what Tom mentioned about real estate law, personnel, etc.
- Tom read motion and results from March 31, 2021 minutes.
- Janet: Agreed with Dick and Bob.

6. Public Comment (4:58pm)

Gordy Petersen: What are you trying to hide?

End of Public Comment.

Discussion resumed.

Janet called the question, seconded by Dick.

Vote: 2 in favor (Tom & Paul), 12 opposed, 2 abstentions (Tony & Kevin)

Motion failed.

7. New Business:

- Nov. 10 - Next (hopefully last) meeting
- Nov. 16 - Potential date for CRC to present to the SJCC

- CRC members needed to write the two letters, one for the recommendations and one for the amendments. **Kyle and Maureen will take the lead and reach out to others for support.**

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 5:10 pm

Sharon Abreu
CRC Member

Minutes were approved by consensus at the November 22, 2021 Special Meeting