

Charter Review Commission
Minutes of Governance Sub-Committee Meeting on 4/29/21

The following were discussed:

1. Call to Order - Meeting on Zoom called to order at 7:03 pm by Dave Anderson, Chair.
2. Roll Call - Present: Dave Anderson, Janet Brownell, David Dehlendorf, Jane Fuller, Tony Ghazel, Dick Grout, Kevin Ranker, & Olivia Roseberry. No absentees.
3. Approval of 4/22/21 Minutes - Approved 7-0. Fuller had not yet joined the meeting.
4. Presentation to Full CRC on May 5 - Roseberry informed us that our sub-committee is scheduled to present our approved amendments to the full CRC on May 5 for its consideration and final decision to recommend them or not to the County Council in June. Dehlendorf agreed to revise our issues spreadsheet for purposes of presenting our approved amendments to the full CRC. As we will not be resuming deliberations of the establishment of the proposed Sustainable Tourism Department until our next meeting on May 6, our presentation on that subject to the full CRC will be made at a later date, with Kevin suggesting May 19. As discussed in the full CRC meeting on April 28, other proposed amendments which our sub-committee did not approve will be presented to the full CRC for discussion and vote at a later date provided at least 5 commissioners vote to do so.
5. Issue #7 (Proposed Amendments to Article 4) - After considerable discussion, votes were taken on separate proposed amendments by Ghazel to Sections 4.20 (Qualifications) & 4.40 (County Manager). A motion to leave Section 4.20 unchanged was approved 6-1-1. A motion to amend Section 4.40 was defeated 6-1-1. Most commissioners stated that they did not believe there were sufficient defects in the existing wording to justify the proposed amendments. There was also concern that approval of these amendments would result in the need to consider for consistency possible revisions to other provisions of the existing charter, including whether or not the County Manager should be changed to an elected position, a possibility that has already been considered and rejected by the Elected vs. Appointed sub-committee. Although it was not the subject of a motion, Roseberry suggested with support from the other commissioners that the charter be amended where necessary to be gender neutral. A motion by Dehlendorf to require newly appointed County Managers to become county residents within three months of appointment did not receive a second.
6. Issue #11 (Proposed Amendment to Section 2.60) - Ranker presented his proposed amendment to Section 2.60 (Miscellaneous Appointments) which deals with appointments by the County Council to various county boards, committees, and commissions. His proposed revisions to Section 2.60 deal with: a) The County Council shall publicly discuss and vote on all applicants, which has not always been the case in the past; b) The County Council shall immediately advise each applicant in writing if he/she has been selected or not for appointment, which has not always been the case in the past; c) Appointed applicants shall receive appropriate training; and d) The County Council shall work to ensure diverse memberships on the boards, etc. After discussion and approval of the appropriate wording for these changes suggested by Grout and others, the motion to approve Ranker's proposal was approved 8-0 with one caveat, namely that the last sentence dealing with diversity be revised if necessary to be consistent with whatever

amendment on the same subject of diversity is eventually proposed by the Justice & Equity Sub-Committee and approved by the full CRC. The suggestion by Dehlendorf to add a term limit provision did not receive support. Attached is a copy of the final approved amendment.

7. Issues #15 & #16 (Transfer Management of Tourism Promotion to County) - Having run out of time, we did not discuss Brownell's proposed establishment of a new county Sustainable Tourism Department funded with the tourism promotion funds currently transferred by the County Council to the Visitors Bureau. Deborah Hoskinson, Executive Director of the Visitors Bureau, will attend our May 6 meeting to comment on Brownell's proposal and answer questions. Fuller proposed that we consider inviting representatives of the chambers of commerce of SJI, Orcas and Lopez, with no action taken. Final discussion and decision on whether or not to recommend the proposal to the full CRC to be made at our May 6 meeting, or soon thereafter.
8. New Business - None.
9. Public Comment - No members of the public were present.
10. Adjournment - Motion by Brownell to adjourn the meeting at 11 pm did not receive a second. Instead, motion to immediately adjourn approved 8-0 at 8:53 pm.

Minutes prepared by David Dehlendorf and submitted to chair on 5/4/21.