

February 3, 2021 Charter Review Commission Meeting

Call to Order: Chair Kevin Ranker called the meeting to order at 4:03pm.

Roll Call: Sharon Abreu, David Anderson, Bill Appel, Janet Brownell, Kyle Davies, 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.

Others Present: Randy Gaylord/SJC Prosecuting Attorney, Minor Lile, Alexandria Gayek, Keara Axelrod, Judy Scott, Caitlin Leck, Carl de Boor, Julienne Battalia.

Approval of January 28, 2021 **meeting minutes**.

MOVED by Anne Marie Shanks, SECONDED by Bill Appel, to approve the Minutes as presented. Discussion followed. APPROVED by consensus.

Charter review process and timelines. Randy Gaylord gave a brief presentation (viewable at <https://www.sanjuanco.com/DocumentCenter/View/21877/Prosecutor-Road-Map-02032021?bidId=>) about how the Commission can work to the end process and the duties of the membership. The public, County Council, or Charter Review Commission members may propose amendments. For amendments to appear on the November 2, 2021 ballot, they must be submitted at least 90 days prior. Mr. Gaylord recommends these proposals be presented to the Council no later than June 30 for action by July 27. Approval of amendments requires a simple majority at the general election. Many resources exist to help the review process, especially mrsc.org.

Members asked questions and discussed deadlines, potential for financial impacts of proposals, possible actions by County Council, potential to split proposed amendments between 2021 and 2022.

Work session regarding list of proposed amendments to the Charter & member priorities. Olivia Roseberry shared "Initial Suggestions for Potential Charter Amendments (revised 2/3/2021 @ 12:20pm)". Kevin Ranker asked for a high level review of these topics and asked proponents to briefly share their thoughts. Members were asked to send additional submissions no later than close of business this Saturday.

Discussion regarding formation of subcommittees. Various ideas were discussed, i.e., Preamble, appointed versus elected officials, Initiative and Referendum, and new departments & commissions. The forming of subcommittees was deferred until after continued discussion of priority items at the February 10 meeting.

Discussion of list of future presentations by officials, past officials, department heads, employees, and others pertinent to CRC deliberations. Due to lack of time, this subject will be carried forward to a later meeting.

New Business. There was limited discussion about holding Town Hall meetings. This matter was deferred to the next meeting.

Open for Public Comment. Julienne Battalia (Lopez) read a statement regarding Nature's Bill of Rights (<https://www.sanjuanco.com/DocumentCenter/View/21878/JBattalia-Natures-Bill-of-Rights-02032021?bidId=>). Caitlin Leck expressed gratitude to members and stated that she supports addressing a Preamble and equity, as well as a Climate Resilience

committee or department. Keara Axelrod underscored the desire to use inclusive language and forming an advisory body to advocate for the environment.

Member discussion resumed, addressing creation of an Office of the Environment, budgetary consideration, structure versus content, and correcting perceived problems with the current Charter.

Meeting adjourned at 6:13pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Hansen
Recording Secretary

Minutes were approved by consensus at the February 10, 2021 Special Meeting