

**Charter Review Commission (CRC) Regular Meeting Minutes
June 30, 2021**

1. Call to Order – 4:04pm

2. Roll Call:

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

Members of the Public: Kathryn Hansen, Amy Vira, Minor Lile, Michelline Halliday, Carl deBoor, Mike Carlson, Daniel Schwartz, Susan Herrera, Ben Bama, Milene Henley, Carter house, Burk, Brian Krantz

3. Approve Minutes from June 23 meeting - Minutes approved (unanimously)

4. Review proposed 2021 Amendments:

Justice and Equity: Jane presented on revisions – shared screen.

Amendment #1: Non-Discrimination statement:

Discussion including decision to strike David D’s suggested language just added regarding rights of accused or convicted criminals and around removing the words “and possess”.

Motion by Bob, seconded by Olivia, to remove “and possess” and reference to criminal convictions.

Discussion: Friendly amendment proposed by Kyle.

Refused by Bob (?)

- Kevin: Change happens by folks requiring this from those they contract.
- David called the question, seconded by Maureen?

Vote on J&E Amendment #1: 11 in favor, 1 opposed (Kyle), 6 abstentions (Tom, Bill, Olivia, Dick, Paul, Tony). **Motion carried.**

Amendment #2: Justice, Equity & Inclusion Council:

Discussion including:

Motion by Bob, seconded by Anne Marie to adopt J&E Amendment #2

Discussion.

Bob called the question.

Vote: 10 in favor, 1 opposed (Tom), 7 abstentions (Bill, Patty, Tony, Kyle, Dick, Olivia, Paul)
Motion carried.

Initiatives & Referenda (3 sections):

Amendment #1: Term Limits

Amendment #2: Revised Introduction (3 parts)

Kevin: No updates other than to say these have been finalized and pretty much done with them. We'll see what we hear back from Randy.

Climate & Environment:

- Discuss Climate & Environment Proposal
- Creation of the Climate & Environment Commissioner

Anne Marie presented – briefly stated what the SJCC did on 6/29. Pleased that the SJCC heard our voice. However, a lot of the teeth we wanted to put into this policy was not in the motion that was passed, so we are still looking at proposing one amendment that will include the Commission as we had planned.

Kevin gave an update on process with the SJCC:

The SJCC created much of that dept. but last week he had a long conversation with Jamie Stephens about how we can come to some consensus and presented to Jamie this idea of a department that would have a stronger commission. We have this model already with the Land Bank in SJC – Land Bank Commission. Another model is the NW Straits Commission. Kevin talked to Jamie about considering an appointed position ... but that dept. still needs autonomy.... And is also directly responsible to the citizens of SJC and it is transparent in terms of how it works. What the SJCC adopted on 6/29 was basically our plan without the strong commission.

Tony listened into the SJCC meeting on 6/29. Always been his sense that we don't need an elected official but rather someone under its supervision. Will the commission makeup be placed in the Charter? Let the new SJCC members work on what they want to work on. Let them change things. They have the authority to say with strong language what their recommendation is. Wants to give them the opportunity. They showed a personnel chart they want to place in service. Wants the C&E Committee to do a recommendation instead of putting an amendment on the ballot, since the SJCC has now made a decision.

Bob: This needs to be the people's commission, not the SJCC's commission.

5. Discuss ballot measures – all in 2021 or split some to 2022?

Kevin: Not sure we're ready to have this discussion because we're not sure where our amendments are.

Dick: We can have the discussion because enough things are already either recommendations or they're going to disappear. Are we willing to gamble or not is the question.

No final decision was made.

6. New Business:

1) Kevin: Additional meeting needed this week or next. Wants to present our final submission to the SJCC on July 13. It's a hard push but he thinks we can do it. Megan needs to write the entire new Charter. Then we have to do our recommendations and the findings. We need time for the full CRC to look at what the C&E puts forward, so having an additional meeting this Friday would be too soon for that. **Next week, our full CRC meeting will be 2:00-4:30 on Wednesday July 7.** Olivia may not be able to attend. Kevin may have to leave a little early.

(6:12 Dick left the meeting)

2) Tony – Minority Report: He and a couple of others are working in an oppositional report for the Voter Pamphlet. They'll have some documents available by the middle of July. Said it's nothing really negative, just have different opinions on some things and want to make those points.

- Kevin asked that the group register those comments before we conclude our work so we can see and comment on it.
- Tony doesn't see the reason for that – doesn't think they'll be changing many minds, but will prepare for that accordingly.
- Liz: Respects and invites opposing positions – eager to see that. Transparency is important – we should know who is preparing this minority report. Asked that Tony bring it to the full CRC soon.
- David D: Doesn't agree that we should consider the minority report. We have to move on. Minority reports go to the public, not to us.
- Tony: Might have one report, might have several – not sure yet.

3) Kevin: Getting recommendations and findings to Megan – We need to get this language to her very soon. We do need to be prescriptive in what we're saying in our findings even though they don't need to be scrutinized by Randy.

- Jane: We need a template for recommendations. They should all look similar.
- Kevin: We already voted on what would be recommendations – only 5 or 6. Template for recommendations is bullet points – gave an example with Tourism. We will get the full CRC the list of amendments and recommendations we have now.

(6:29 Janet left the meeting)

7. Open for Public Comment (5:06pm) – No comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 6:30pm

Sharon Abreu
CRC Member

Minutes were approved by consensus at the July 12, 2021 Special Meeting

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