



**2012 Charter Revision Committee Meeting  
Thursday, September 15, 2011  
Minutes**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Gonzalo Barrientos  
David Butts  
Fred Cantu  
Delia Garza  
Richard Jung  
Ann Kitchen  
Delores Lenzy-Jones  
Fred Lewis

Nelson Linder  
Dr. Fred McGhee  
Margaret Menicucci  
Susan Moffat  
Ken Rigsbee  
Ted Siff  
Kathleen Vale

**Meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Sabine Romero, Attorney, City of Austin Law Dept.**

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: Steve Aleman, Celia Israel and Roscoe Overton**

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

The Committee may discuss and take action on the following agenda items:

- A. Introductions of Committee members and staff
- B. Nominate and elect Committee Chair – **David Butts motion to nominate Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos as Chair, seconded by Kathleen Vale. Ted Siff motion to nominate Ann Kitchen as Vice-chair, seconded by Susan Moffat. Motions passed unanimously.**
- C. Discuss the 2012 Charter Revision Committee’s mission and purpose (Sabine Romero, City Law Department)
- D. Discuss districting law; proposed changes to the method for electing city council members; and draft maps presented to council for single-member geographic representation (Syd Falk, Bickerstaff Health Delgado Acosta LLP; Ryan Robinson, City Demographer)
- E. Discuss proposed changes to the city charter regarding elections and governance (Sabine Romero, City Law Department) – **Ms. Romero briefly described each resolution. Chair Barrientos asked for clarification on the recommendations for the committee. Ms. Romero suggested that the committee may dedicate a later meeting to discuss charter amendments in length. The committee is all in agreement.**
- F. Discuss compliance with the Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act (Sabine Romero, City Law Department)
- G. Discuss housekeeping matters, including staff support; scheduling future meetings and speakers; resources on the City of Austin website; and Committee contact information. **Ms. Romero stated that all information pertaining to the committee is available on the city website. Also if any board member would like their name and contact information listed, they may sign a permission form to release the information.**

**Chair Barrientos stated that the community in East Austin should have input. Vice-chair Kitchen asked if any information is available to the public. Chair Barrientos suggested meeting times & locations. Ted Siff suggested having a sub-working group of five for research & come back to present their findings; working group members will be Ann Kitchen, Ted Siff, Susan Moffat, Fred Lewis, and Margaret Menicucci. Committee members all in favor, none opposed. Delores Jones requested citizen input. Chair Barrientos opened the floor for locations & time. Next meeting set for Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Dan Ruiz Library [note Dan Ruiz Library was not available for the September 29 meeting].**

## **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:10 PM**

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