



**2012 Charter Revision Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 29, 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 6:30 pm by Chair Gonzalo Barrientos. All Committee members were present.

1. APPROVE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 15, 2011 MEETING

Motion by Siff, Second by Rigsbee, with amendments; motion passed unanimously.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL – Roger Baker, Ora Houston, Ronnie Gjemre, Stan A. Coleman, WR (Peck) Young, Stewart Snider, Clay Dafoe,

3. NEW BUSINESS

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

A. Report from the Public Information Office regarding outreach options.

Presentation by Doug Matthews, Chief Communications Officer, City of Austin regarding a public communication proposal. Ms. Vale volunteered to serve as public information liaison. Motion by Moffat to implement all aspects of communication proposal, Second by Lewis. Siff amendment to name Ms. Vale as liaison to work with Mr. Matthews and communicate back to board. Amendment accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Report from the Charter Amendment Working Group regarding overview of proposed charter amendments and proposed recommendations to Council (Vice Chair Kitchen, Siff, Moffat, Lewis, Menicucci)

Presentation by Ted Siff regarding working group's initial assessment of proposed charter amendments. Chart designates some proposed charter amendments as recommended. Siff and Kitchen would like the body to review the chart before the next meeting and recommends action on at least the recommended items at the next meeting. Discussion of process for sharing feedback with working group; members may send comments to staff for posting as next-meeting backup.

C. Discussion of focus question: What are the pros and cons of the proposed charter amendments? Members of the public signed up to speak on this item included Clay

Dafoe and Ronnie Gjemre. Rigsbee discussed single member district amendment, the amendment's history of not passing, and raised concern that the amendment may not pass again. Siff stated his support of a geographic representation plan for voter consideration.

- D. Presentation on history of single member district elections in Austin

Members of the public signed up to speak on this item included Stacy Suits. Presentation by Sabine Romero, Assistant City Attorney, regarding previous single member district elections in the City of Austin and their outcome.

- E. Discussion of focus question: What are the pros and cons of single member districts?

Members of the public signed up to speak on this item included Lupe Sosa, Debbie Russell, WR (Peck) Young, Roger Borgelt, Clay Dafoe, and Ronnie Gjemre.

- F. Housekeeping matters: scheduling future meetings and speakers.

Motion by Vale, Second by McGhee to meet every other Thursday. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Linder at 8:35. Motion passed unanimously.