



**2012 Charter Revision Committee Meeting
November 3, 2011
Minutes**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Gonzalo Barrientos
Vice Chair Ann Kitchen
David Butts
Fred Cantu
Delia Garza
Richard Jung
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 6:33 pm by Chair Gonzalo Barrientos. A quorum was present (Kitchen, Butts, Lenzy-Jones, Lewis, McGhee absent).

1. APPROVE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 13, 2011 MEETING

Motion by Rigsbee, second by Siff; motion passed on a vote of 10-0.

(At 6:40, Committee members Lewis, Lenzy-Jones, McGhee, and Butts present.)

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL (3 minutes to speak)

Members of the public signed up to speak on this item were Frances McIntyre, Clay Dafoe, Eliza May, Roscoe Overton, Steve Aleman, Terrell Blodgett, Rudy Williams, Roger Borgelt, Stefanie Collins, Lorraine Atherton,

(At 7:35, Chair Barrientos transferred the role of Chair to Mr. Linder and left the dais.)

3. NEW BUSINESS

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

- A. Report from the Charter Amendment Working Group: proposed recommendations to Council regarding campaign finance (Vice Chair Kitchen, Siff, Moffat, Lewis, Menicucci)

Mr. Siff informed the committee that the Working Group will present a campaign finance recommendation at the next meeting.

- B. Discuss mapping issues and map format recommendation: single member districts; at-large districts; hybrid plans; and number of districts (Kitchen; City Demographer Ryan Robinson)

Assistant City Attorney Sabine Romero presented an overview of district number considerations in Dallas, Houston, and Fort Worth. City Demographer Ryan Robinson provided information on city demographics. Members of the public signed up to speak on this item were Roger Borgelt and Clay Dafoe

C. Public input process update (Vale)

Ms. Vale provided updates regarding the Commission website (austintexas.gov/charter), a Channel 6 CityView segment about the Commission, and translations. Discussion of biweekly outreach via the community registry and posting meeting locations. Members of the public signed up to speak on this item were Rudolph Williams.

D. Housekeeping matters: scheduling future speakers

Discussion of time management, issues for the next agenda, and locations. Motion by Lewis for next agenda: to consider and vote on 6-2-1 plan, consider and vote on single member versus hybrid, and consider and vote on the number of districts. Motion passed on a vote of 9-4.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 8:05pm.

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