

**Charter Review Commission
Monday, March 11, 2019
Davis Hall**

**Regular meeting of the Charter Review Commission
Following Public Forum #2
Minutes**

Name	Present	Absent
Brooks Boliek		X
Cameron Thurston	X	
Dan Alpert	X	
John Krouse	X	
Nathan Rickard	X	
Nora Eidelman	X	
Normand Bernache	X	
Peter King	X	
Ray Ranker	X	
Virdina Gibbs	X	

Guests: Janeen Miller, City Clerk.

Mr. Thurston called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. following the 7:30 Public Forum.

1. Review and approve March 4, 2019 meeting minutes: **Motion by Mr. Bernache / second by Mr. Rickard to approve the March 4, 2019 minutes without amendment. Motion carried 9-0-0.**
2. Discuss concerns vocalized at second public forum:
 - There is no guarantee that the Council will decide to put the question to a non-binding referendum. A majority of Council would have to vote to do so.
 - If Council decides to put this on a referendum, the public will have an opportunity to speak on the motion.
 - Referendum question shouldn't be worded as just a "yes" or "no"; provide options.
 - Several people suggested adding a recall provision to the Charter if four-year terms are adopted: discussion of whether this issue is outside of the purview of the CRC. Consensus: add as a theme.
 - A resident submitted a stack of signed postcards favoring two-year terms. **Motion by Mr. Thurston/second by Mr. Alpert to scan the cards and post on-line. Motion carried 9-0-0.**
 - Comment about "collegiality" on Council. Hard to quantify or assess. Many candidates run on a slate and agree "not to trash talk each other." Anonymous survey of elected officials?
3. Themes for Report to Mayor and Council. The Commission refined and added themes to include in the report:

- a. Voter participation - **Rickard**
 - b. Frequency of Campaigns from the perspective of the candidate (time spent and cost) - **Ranker**
 - c. University Student participation (student voter turnout and student participation on Council) - **Alpert**
 - d. Continuity of issues (are two-year terms long enough to complete projects) – **Eidelman and Krouse**
 - e. Onboarding of new council members (staff perspective) - **Boliek**
 - f. Would moving to 4-year terms deter candidacy - **Thurston**
 - g. Cost to the City of running elections – **Boliek**
 - h. Accountability of elected officials to the voters – **King and Krouse**
 - i. Recall provision – **Gibbs**
 - j. Staggered v. concurrent terms - **Bernache**
4. Decide if a third Public Forum is necessary: Consensus was that time constraints will not allow for another forum before we start writing the report. Might be able to schedule something in April, depending on how far along the report is, to take public comment on the draft report.
 5. Closing the public comment period: **Motion by Ms. Gibbs / second by Mr. Krouse that comments submitted by April 30 will be included in the record. 9-0-0.** Continue to solicit written comment.
 6. Discussion of Report:
 - a. Writing themes/sections assigned (see above)
 - b. Circulate individual drafts by March 25, prior to next meeting.
 - c. Review written comments and circulate any additional themes.
 - d. City Clerk to print out all drafts for review at the next meeting (March 28)
 - e. Delivery of final report in May.
 7. Next Meeting: Thursday, March 28, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.

Motion by Mr. Ranker / second by Mr. Thurston to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller
City Clerk

Date
Approved