

Minneapolis Charter Commission Minutes

September 4, 2013 - 4:00 p.m.

Room 317 City Hall, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Commissioners Present: Clegg (Chair), Cohen, Connell, Dolan, Ferrara, Kozak, Lickness, Metge, Rice, Rubenstein, Sandberg, Schwarzkopf

Commissioners Excused: Heinle, Johnson, Peltola

Also Present: Burt Osborne, Assistant City Attorney

1. Roll Call

Chair Clegg called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Roll call was taken.

2. Adopt Agenda

Connell moved adoption of the agenda. Seconded.

Adopted upon a voice vote.

Absent - Heinle, Johnson, Lickness, Peltola.

3. Approve minutes of regular meeting of August 7, 2013

Sandberg moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of August 7, 2013. Seconded.

Adopted upon a voice vote.

Absent - Heinle, Johnson, Lickness, Peltola.

4. Chair's Report

None.

Discussion

5. Plain Language Charter Education and Outreach Committee: Update.

Clegg noted that the City Council had adopted the proposed Plain Language Charter ballot question language as adopted by the Charter Commission at their August meeting.

Schwarzkopf, Co-Chair of the Education and Outreach Committee, gave the report.

- Charter Commissioners will be speaking to neighborhood associations regarding the Plain Language Charter, and Commissioners are encouraged to speak at their own and nearby neighborhood association meetings. Talking points will be provided.
- A six-and-a-half minute video has been created answering questions about the Plain Language Charter. A link to the video will be placed on the Charter Commission website as well as included in a press release which will be prepared by Commissioner Sandberg.
- Commissioners Ferrara and Schwarzkopf will provide a briefing on the Plain Language Charter to the Director of the Citizens League.
- Chair Clegg will be interviewed by the Civic Caucus on October 18.

Casey Carl, City Clerk, responded to questions as follows:

- The Plain Language Charter, ballot questions, and the side-by-side comparisons are available on the vote.minneapolismn.gov website.

- A paper copy of the Plain Language Charter will be available at all Minneapolis Public Libraries.
- The new voting equipment will scan both sides of the ballots and allow exporting of the data to an Excel spreadsheet.
- A mock election will be conducted September 5-16 at four school locations as well as at City Hall. On September 16 the results will be uploaded, reports generated, and the results posted on the City's website.
- A third-party vendor will provide independent testing of the exported file.
- Regarding whether the new voting equipment will detect skipped rankings and the multiple ranking of the same candidate, Mr. Carl stated that he would investigate and provide that information to Commissioner Rice.

Public Commentary

There was no one present wishing to address the Charter Commission.

Metge moved to adjourn. Seconded.

Adopted upon a voice vote.

Absent - Heinle, Johnson, Peltola.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Submitted by: Peggy Menshek, Charter Commission Coordinator