

Minneapolis Charter Commission Minutes

February 3, 2016 - 4:00 p.m.
Room 317 City Hall, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Members Present: Commissioners Barry Clegg (Chair), DJ Heinle, Andrew Kozak, Barbara Lickness, Jana Metge, Toni Newborn, Jeffrey Peltola, Matt Perry, Andrea Rubenstein, Jan Sandberg, Lyall Schwarzkopf, Aaron Street

Members Absent: Commissioners Dan Cohen, Jill Garcia, Todd Ferrara

1. Roll Call

Chair Clegg called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

2. Adopt Agenda

On motion, seconded, Commissioner Sandberg requested the agenda be amended to add an Item #7, continuing a discussion on the composition of the Park Board. The agenda was adopted on voice vote, as amended.

3. Approve minutes of regular meeting of January 6, 2016.

On motion, seconded, Commissioner Perry requested the minutes be amended to show him as absent. The minutes were approved on voice vote, as amended.

4. Chair's Report

Chair Clegg gave a brief update on Park Board issues, and noted that the administrative/technical corrections for the Plain Language Charter coming forward from the City Attorney's Office would likely be ready for the Commission's review at their March meeting.

5. Board of Estimate & Taxation (BET) Voting Thresholds

Consider a possible Charter Amendment for passage by Ordinance revising the supermajority approval thresholds for certain actions by the Board of Estimate and Taxation.

On motion, seconded, Commissioner Schwarzkopf's proposed Charter Amendment was approved, and Chair Clegg was authorized to take necessary steps to move it forward for a Public Hearing and final action by Council.

6. Role/Purpose of Charter Commission

Continuation of Prior Discussion

On motion, seconded, the item was continued to the March 2 Charter Commission meeting.

7. Park Board Composition

Status of discussions on the composition of the Park Board

Chair Clegg will contact Board of Estimate & Taxation Commissioner Becker to ask if there is any further information available, and will report back to Charter at their March meeting.

Public Commentary: There was no one wishing to speak.

On motion, seconded, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Absent: Cohen, Garcia, Ferrara

Submitted by Diana Armstrong, Charter Commission Coordinator