

City of Excelsior
Charter Commission
Minutes

Wednesday, September 1, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bratland called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

CHARTER MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Lloyd Bratland, Bob Bolles, Lucille Crow, Mary Jo Fulkerson, Leigh Harrod (arrived at 7:10 pm), Janice Leafer, Colleen Nuese-Marine, and Jeanie Thompson.

CHARTER MEMBERS ABSENT: Sue Cornelius, Susan Brokaw, Jennifer Caron, and Judy Mueller.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (May 19, 2010)

Chair Bratland requested that Item 3 for the Minutes be amended by inserting "Council," between City and commission in the third line.

Commissioner Crow made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; Commissioner Thompson seconded; motion carried 7/0 (Harrod not present)

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Review Membership

Chair Bratland advised that former commissioner Wilson did not reapply for appointment; and Commissioner Stark, now deceased, was honored for his service. In addition Commissioner Cornelius would not be attending all meetings for personal reasons and may resign once a replacement is appointed.

Discussions ensued regarding how to increase membership, solicit citizens for participation and involvement. Also, perhaps 15 members is excessive and the membership should remain at current 12.

Chair Bratland and Commissioner Nuese-Marine agreed to talk to Excelsior residents regarding membership.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Review Membership – (Continued)

Commissioner Harrod made a motion to have the Charter Commission as an “Active” committee. Commissioner Leafer seconded. During discussion, it was suggested that instead of “active” the commission should be “responsive”. Motion as presented failed 2 to 6, with Commissioners Harrod and Leafer voting in favor of the motion, and Chair Bratland and Commissioners Bolles, Crow, Fulkerson, Nuese-Marine, and Thompson voting against the motion.

Commission Nuese-Marine made a corrected motion to have the Commission as “responsive” to citizens’ concerns. Commissioner Crowe seconded. Motion carried 8/0.

b. Statutory Role/Where to Next

Discussion regarding the review and analysis of Charter provisions and addressing issues through normal channels.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Financial Findings Update

Discussion regarding working with the City Council on reinstatement of financial checkpoints with appointment of a citizen advisory financial committee. Further discussion on changes to the Charter and working through the City Council.

Commissioners decided there would be no action taken at this time.

8. NEXT MEETING

Chair Bratland stated unless there would be a need for an urgent meeting, the next regular meeting will be scheduled some time during the last two weeks of March 2011.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Nuese-Marine made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Crowe seconded. Motion carried 8/0 and meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Fulkerson
Secretary