

Minneapolis Charter Commission Minutes

Regular Meeting

**Wednesday, December 6, 2006 - 4:00 p.m.
Room 317 City Hall, Minneapolis, Minnesota**

Commissioners Present: Bernstein, Lazarus, Clegg, Bujold, Connell, Dolan, Klassen, Metge, Remme, Rubenstein

Commissioners Excused: Ferrara, Lichty, Ponsford, Stade, Street

1. Roll Call

Chair Bernstein called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. Roll call was taken.

2. Adopt Agenda

*Commissioner Lazarus moved adoption of the agenda. Seconded.
Adopted upon a voice vote.*

3. Approve Minutes of November 1, 2006

*Commissioner Bujold moved approval of the minutes of November 1, 2006. Seconded.
Adopted upon a voice vote.*

Chair Bernstein noted that the Charter Commission was without counsel due to the fact that Assistant City Attorney Needham was ill.

New Business

4. Finalize Committee work assignments to review City Attorney's Analysis of Draft Revised Charter.

Chair Bernstein stated that he had had several conversations with City Attorney Heffern, and it was determined that the Charter Commission's review of the City Attorney's analysis would be considered a legal review. Therefore, it should be done with at least one or two attorneys actively participating. He felt two subcommittees, each headed by an attorney, would be sufficient. Also, former Commissioner Brian Melendez had indicated that he was still willing to work with the Commission on this after the first of the year.

Chair Bernstein noted that there was nothing on the agenda for the January 3, 2007, Charter Commission meeting. A few Commissioners had stated they would be unable to attend that meeting. If that meeting were cancelled, the subcommittees could then use the remainder of December and all of January before reporting back in February.

Commissioner Dolan moved that two subcommittees be formed to review the City Attorney's analysis, as follows:

- *Commissioner Clegg (lead): Commissioners Bujold, Connell, Dolan, Metge, Remme, Stade.*
- *Commissioner Lazarus (lead): Commissioners Bernstein, Ferrara, Klassen, Lichty, Rubenstein, Street.*

Chair Bernstein will email the subcommittees their assigned sections to review. The January 3, 2007, meeting will be cancelled, and the subcommittees should be prepared to report back to the Charter Commission at the February 7, 2007 meeting. Seconded.

Adopted upon a voice vote.

Chair Bernstein stated that Commissioners should bring a copy of Barret Lane's analysis and a copy of Draft 9 to their subcommittee meetings. Commissioner Connell noted that both the draft and Barret Lane's analysis were available as an attachment to the September Charter Commission Agenda on the web.

Chair Bernstein announced that Commissioner Ponsford had sent him an email resigning from the Charter Commission. Due to increased work load, she felt it best to surrender her seat so that someone able to make a better commitment could be appointed to serve.

Commissioner Lazarus requested that the Chair send a letter to Commissioner Ponsford thanking her for her service and wishing her well. Chair Bernstein stated that he would be happy to do that.

Commissioner Bujold moved to adjourn. Seconded.
Adopted upon a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Peggy Menshek
Charter Commission Coordinator