

**CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, February 10, 2020**

**9705 E. Hibiscus Street**

**Palmetto Bay, FL**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:39 pm.

The following members of the Charter Review Commission were present:

David Zisman

Mitchell Mandler

Shelley Stanczyk

Marc Levy

Tim Schaffer

Councilman Patrick Fiore, serving as the non-voting Council member)

The following staff members were present:

John Dellagloria, Village Attorney

Missy Arocha, Village Clerk

Greg Truitt, Interim Village Manager

Also present:

Councilmember David Singer

Joyce McGee, resident

Joseph Bier

Jerry Proctor

2. The Village clerk confirmed that there was a quorum present.
3. Public Comments, including comments from Village Council, Village Manager, or staff:
  - a. Chairman Zisman introduced Patrick Fiore who said he is from District 1 in Palmetto Bay and serves on Village council. Says he was elected from District 1 in 2018. He is here to give guidance and historical perspective.
  - b. Jerry Proctor introduced himself as an atty for the Montessori school. He asked Committee to consider a request for putting school charter on ballot and change it to be majority vote of neighbors. There will still be requirement of workshops and all other requirements that enable neighbors to give input. He was asked about whether Montessori school would accept a 75% vote.

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- c. Atty Dellagloria said this committee gets the right to put this and all other issues from committee directly on the ballot without approval of the Village Council. And that Village Council could still put their own initiatives on the ballot.
  - d. Gregg Pruitt spoke and expressed appreciation for the work of the committee and encouraged them to stay on task.
- 4. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Shelly Stanczyk corrects part of old minutes as to reason why John DuBois was stepping down as liaison. Stanczyk moves that minutes be amended to reflect correct reason, motion seconded by Tim Schaffer, motion passed unanimously, and minutes were amended and accepted with those changes.
- 5. Old Business: Discussion of dates for future meetings.
- 6. Discussion of Agenda Items:
  - a. John Bier spoke and said he is the Chair of the Neighborhood Protection Committee. He said his committee is working on amendments to 10.2 of the Charter and said he would come back and give us a report at a later date.
  - b. At approximately 7pm, Patrick Fiore left the room to the stated reason to avoid any possible Sunshine Violations.
  - c. David Singer spoke and said the Village Charter is like the constitution. That in doing our jobs as Committee members, we should try to leave out petty issues. Decisions should be what's best for all, not just minority and not just vocal minority. We should consider the ramifications when someone breaches the Charter.
  - d. Tim Schaffer said maybe there should be penalties, there are some already in Charter, for things such as Council members going direct to employees of the Village and telling them what to do. How much do we want to put in there? Also says this has gotten worse lately, its been trending.
  - e. Gregg Truitt says the Council should be able to speak to employees but not give them directions, that we should tell employees to refer council members to him.
  - f. Jon Dellagloria says that the County Ethics Committee may have jurisdiction.
  - g. 7:02pm. Resident Brett Rothfield arrives.
  - h. 7:18pm, David Singer leaves the meeting.

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- i. 7:20pm, Patrick Fiore returns to the meeting.
- j. Stanczyk raises the issue of who decides the Agenda items for Committee, specifically #5. Missy points out that agenda item #8, to let the clerk know the dates of future meetings.
- k. Village Clerk says the Council passed a resolution appointing Tim Schaffer new member of the Charter Revision committee and Schaffer takes oath administered by Clerk. Clerk also explained the ballot issue deadlines.
- l. Discussion about timing to deliver resolutions to comply with ballot deadlines.
- m. Marc Levy recommends June 8 to submit resolutions.
- n. Dates for future meetings discussed as 1st Monday in March (9<sup>th</sup>). Then March 16 then April 20<sup>th</sup>. Then discussion about April 7<sup>th</sup> – 1st meeting and April 13<sup>th</sup> – second meeting.
- o. PF was asked his opinion on single member districts. He said he served on Commission Revision Committee in 2015. He thinks the Village has matured in 20 years. That other cities have single member districts. That today, to run – the amounts of \$ being raised can be \$50-60K. He raised \$5K when he first ran. He also thinks you are better able to advocate for residents in that part of the city. Thinks voters are ready for it. Changing boundary lines of districts could be an issue. Also wants to see Village “Council” changed to Village “Commission”. More gender neutral.
- p. Dellagloria suggested we wait for effective date of single member to be 2 years.
- q. Mandler suggests we agree now to make single member district an issue to be considered by the Committee as part of our considerations.
- r. Mandler to ask Village Clerk for work of last Commission on single member districts.
- s. Zisman brings up issue of ballot runoffs - - - discussion issues. Maybe move election date to Aug, then runoff in November or winner takes all.
- t. Shelly said August has too many absentees. Minority can control an August election.

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- u. Shelly moves to keep election runoff as is. Tim votes no. then all others vote yes, motion passes.
  - v. Shelly says for next meeting – bring up 2 issues that are new issues.
  - w. Time moves to put single member district on next meeting agenda for discussion and possible vote. Motion is seconded and passes unanimously.
  - x. Marc Levy moves to puts on next agenda the issue of private school extension/expansion on agenda for discussion & possible vote. Tim seconds, motion passes unanimously.
  - y. Tim Moves that on next agenda for next meeting, we will discuss 10.2 of Current Charter. Marc seconds, motion passes unanimously.
7. Adjournment – a Motion was made to Adjourn which was seconded and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:49PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by the Charter Revision  
Commission this \_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Mitchell Mandler, Esq. (Secretary)

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David Zisman, Chairperson