



King County

Charter Review Commission

February 27, 2019

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Louise Miller (Co-Chair), Ron Sims (Co-Chair), David Heller, Michael Herschensohn, Sean Kelly, Clayton Lewis (via telephone), Nat Morales (via telephone), Jeff Natter, Toby Nixon, Nikkita Oliver, Rob Saka, Brooks Salazar (via telephone), Beth Sigall, Alejandra Tres and Sung Yang

Excused:

Tim Ceis, Joe Fain, Elizabeth Ford, Ian Goodhew, Linda Larson, Marcos Martinez and Kinnon Williams

Council and Executive Staff:

Kelli Carroll, Director of Special Projects, Patrick Hamacher, Director of Legislative Analysis, Calli Knight, External Relations Specialist, and Mac Nicholson, Director of Government Relations.

Also in Attendance:

Mike Sinsky and Mari Isaacson, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys, King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, meeting facilitator Betsy Daniels, Co-President, Triangle Associates Inc., and Mishu Pham-Whipple, Project Associate, Triangle Associates, Inc.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Co-Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and asked those on the telephone to introduce themselves.

2. Public Comment:

There was no one present to provide public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Co-Chair Sims moved approval of the minutes of the January 16 and January 23, 2019 meetings. The motion was seconded. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. Introduction – Facilitator Betsy Daniels

Co-chair Miller introduced Betsy Daniels, Co-President, Triangle Associates Inc., who explained her role as the group’s facilitator. Discussion ensued regarding what the report to the Council should include.

5. Process Review

a. Process Recommendations

Ms. Daniels provided a brief overview of the Guide for Charter Commissions published by the National Civic League.

The group agreed that the components of the report will likely include the Commission’s recommended Charter amendments, specific amendment language, and possibly other options worth meriting pursuit to be determined later, topics that were considered as well as changes that were considered but were not supported and why.

Information request: A handout entitled, “Facilitated, Collaborative Decision-Making” was distributed and reviewed.

A review will be conducted of past Auditor reports to determine whether any recommendations for structural changes have been made by the Auditor.

b. Draft Commission Protocols

Draft Process and Meeting Protocols were presented for review.

c. Draft Workplan/Timeline

A handout was provided listing potential subgroups and timelines. The merits of breaking into subgroups to bring back recommendations on specific topics was discussed, along with amending the timeline to allow for more time, and whether it might be more effective to submit recommendations in phases.

The consensus was to first determine the options, organize topics into common themes and prioritize them, develop phases, create guidelines for subgroups, establish clear milestones and deadlines, determine agreed upon consequences if deadlines aren’t met, and possibly extend the timeline. One initial longer meeting was proposed.

d. Overview of information requests

The most current version of each of the white papers and other Commission related information will be posted to the Charter Review Commission's web page.

A one-page gap analysis related to protected classes was requested.

It was noted that the Commission should make a point to look at items that the separately electeds brought up and to make Charter updates to reflect changes at the County and State levels.

Language updates surrounding personnel issues are in the works and will be presented at a future meeting.

A request will be submitted to Harborview regarding any changes they might suggest to the Charter.

6. Review outcomes of Town Hall meetings and next steps

In regard to feedback related to the Town Hall meetings, discussion addressed whether more energy needs to go into outreach to specific groups that interact with the County, whether public feedback might be more appropriate and useful when things are less high-level and more specific, getting feedback from issues-based groups, having the Commissioners go out and meet with various groups where they are at, partnering with organizations to put on the Town Hall meetings, and including interaction with groups that have a specific interest in the issue being addressed.

7. Other Business

A meeting will be scheduled for March 14, 2019, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. to get started on categorizing topics. The results of this will be brought back to the full Commission.

The consultant will meet with the Co-chairs to come up with a phased approach.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.