



MINUTES
CUYAHOGA COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2017
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
COMMITTEE ROOM A – 4TH FLOOR 4:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ronald B. Adrine - called the meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL

The Honorable Judge Ronald B. Adrine
The Honorable Susan A. Drucker
Dennis G. Kennedy
The Honorable Thomas P. Perciak
Michael W. King
Claire Rosacco
Victor A. Ruiz
Davida Russell (phone)

A quorum was established.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 6, 2017 MEETING.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes (Perciak / King). Minutes approved.

4. DISCUSSION: MEETING WORKFLOW – Discuss how to structure our work towards transmission of recommendations to County Council by June 2018.

Chairman Adrine introduced the agenda item, by highlighting the charge of the Commission is to deliver recommendations for Charter amendments to the County Council before the first day of July 2018. He challenged the Commission to be thoughtful and through, doing so requires the Commission to narrow its focus to allow sufficient time for public input and thoughtful discourse on priority proposals for amendments. Chairman Adrine proposed an agenda as follows, which was proposed by Commission staff:

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| October | Define Evaluation Criteria |
| November | Invite topics for consideration |
| December | Prioritize topics for consideration |

Jan – Feb Discuss priority topics
Mar – May Review draft amendments
June Recommendation & report reviewed
July 1, 2018 Report transmitted to County Council

Commission members encouraged a meeting dedicated to public solicitation and input in December, adding another meeting to invite more public input and participation. Staff committed to responding accordingly, including seeking traditional and social media efforts to increase opportunity and engagement.

The Commission also emphasized their interest in hearing from elected officials, agency heads and other sources whose work is impacted by the Charter to weigh in directly to the Commission.

The Commission requested written and oral presentations.

5. DISCUSSION: CRITERIA FOR COMMISSION CONSIDERATION – Discuss and determine the criteria used to evaluate proposed topics for Commission future discussions.

Chairman Adrine proposed a focused Commission. He acknowledged that the 2013 Commission had a justifiably broad scope. They considered numerous proposals and recommended 15 charter amendments. He reflected upon presentations from the September Commission meeting that recognize County Council still has the 2013 recommendations, which are still relevant, familiar and available for their consideration. He recommended emphasizing recommendations that are new to the Commission. Previous recommendations should be considered if there's new information, experience or conditions that warrant further, deeper, additional consideration. The Commission also agreed on a focus guided by the Charter Preamble, towards greater accountability and efficiency for county government for all its cities and citizens.

CRITERIA – TO BE USED

- A. Evaluations by prior committee?
- B. New information or conditions?
- C. Clarity?
 - 1. Clarity of Language
 - 2. Clarity of Purpose
- D. Best handled by the Charter?
- E. Contribute to Government?
- F. Powers & Opportunities for County Government?

6. PUBLIC INPUT:

Chairperson Adrine called for public input. Two people signed the list to give comments.

Ms. Loh - Asked the committee to start the public input early in the process, and considered separating it from presentations from elected officials, agency heads and advocacy

organizations. She reasoned that some may be more comfortable in a less structured setting. The Commission agreed and committed to accommodate her input.

Mr. William Tartar Jr. – expressed agreement with Ms. Loh’s comments. He also asked the committee to invite the public to speak/share their thoughts or ideas – their ideas are just as important as elected officials.

Chairperson Adrine thanked Ms. Loh and Mr. Tartar Jr. for their input.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Judge Adrian thanked the Commission members. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn (King/Perciak). Meeting adjourned 5:36pm.