CHARTER COMMISSION

May 2, 2022
7:00 PM
Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Avenue N.E.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
Chair Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT
Gary Braam, Don Findell, Ibsen Gabriel, Greg Gardner, Manuel Granroos, Nikki Karnopp, Ted Kranz, Bruce Nelson, Rick Nelson, Oluwaseyi Olawore, Pam Reynolds, Val Rolstad, Cynthia Soule, Avonna Starck, Melissa Moore, City Clerk

ABSENT
Kelli Brillhart

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Rolstad to approve the meeting agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Nelson.

Commissioner Reynolds asked for a list of future meeting topics be maintained and reflected in the agenda under Future Meeting Topics. At previous meetings she asked for review of chapters four, five, and seven.

UPON A VOICE CALL VOTE, ALL VOTING AYE, CHAIR NELSON DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. Approval April 4, 2022, Charter Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Granroos to approve the meeting minutes of April 4, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Starck.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL VOTING AYE, CHAIR NELSON DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

2. Upcoming Term Expiring: Manuel Granroos

Staff informed the Commission that Commissioner Granroos' term is expiring in September.

Motion by Commissioner Reynolds to approve the reappointment of Commissioner Granroos. Seconded by Commissioner Nelson.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL VOTING AYE, CHAIR NELSON DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Mission Statement and Strategic Values

Commissioner Reynolds said she did not want to include "Act ethically" under the Stewardship strategic value because the Commission would need to define the Commission's interpretation of the term. Ms. Moore stated she recommend the Commission somehow define the term, or it may choose to adopt by reference the Ethics chapter of the Fridley City Code, which are ethical obligations that cover the City Council, all other advisory commissions, and staff. Commissioner Starck offered different ethical standard documents of other bodies that may serve as inspiration. The Commission engaged in a discussion.

Motion by Commissioner Gabriel to strike "Act ethically" from the Stewardship strategic value. Seconded by Commissioner Reynolds.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL VOTING AYE, CHAIR NELSON DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Commissioner Reynolds asked to reconsider the use of "educating" under the Engagement strategic value. The group discussed the specific initiatives listed in Exhibit D of the agenda.

Commissioner Olawore asked if the Commission had any sort of code of conduct document, and if not, he would like the group to work on developing one. Members discussed past instances of disagreeing with points of view, but the work was always finished in a respectful way. Commissioner Olawore asked that for the benefit of new members, some sort of code of conduct or technical guide be created to better onboard new members to the group's processes.

MOTION by Commissioner Starck to approve the draft mission statement found in Exhibit B of the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Karnopp.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, VOTING AYE WERE BRAAM, FINDELL, GABRIEL, GARDNER, GRANROOS, KARNOPP, KRANZ, NELSON, CHAIR NELSON, OLAWORE, SOULE, STARCK, VOTING NAY WAS REYNOLDS, CHAIR NELSON DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

The Commission asked staff to begin coordinating a joint meeting with the City Council.

MOTION by Commissioner Olawore to provide, in writing, the approved mission statement to the Commission at least two weeks prior to the September meeting for consideration to amend the Bylaws. Seconded by Commissioner Starck.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, VOTING AYE WERE BRAAM, FINDELL, GABRIEL, GARDNER, GRANROOS, KARNOPP, KRANZ, NELSON, CHAIR NELSON, OLAWORE, SOULE, STARCK, VOTING NAY WAS REYNOLDS, CHAIR NELSON DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS/COMMUNICATIONS

Future meeting topic items requested by commissioners:

- Chapter No. 4: Nominations and Elections
- Chapter No. 5: Initiative, Referendum and Recall
- Chapter No. 7: Taxation and Finances

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Commissioner Starck to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Rolstad.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL VOTING AYE, CHAIR NELSON DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:20 P.M.