

**CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
OTHER BOARDS AND AGENCIES SUB-COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
January 14, 2010**

A meeting of the Other Boards and Agencies Sub-Committee of the Charter Review Commission was held at the Administration Complex, Room 106-B, Port Charlotte, Florida.

Roll Call

The following members were present:

Bill Folchi(Chairman), Ken Doherty, John Hitzel

Absent members:

Connie Kantor(alternate)

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. EST by *Chairman Folchi*

Agenda Items:

(1).. Approval of Minutes of meeting 12/17/2009: A motion was made and seconded and the Minutes were approved as submitted.

(2). And (3). Establish future meeting dates and discuss interviews of various Boards and Agencies: *Chairman Folchi* opened the discussion about setting the dates for future meetings, asking the members present about their preference of days of the week and the availability of administrative support. *John Hitzel* handed out some printed information for specific entities to possibly be interviewed, to-wit: Charlotte County Airport Authority Districts, Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce, Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise Charlotte Economic Council, Babcock Ranch (Kitson and Partners), Charlotte County Public Schools, Charlotte County Health Department, City of Punta Gorda and Englewood Water District.

John Hitzel commented specifically on an issue addressed with the Charlotte County Public Schools during the last (2004) Charter Review, and how it was determined that they did not have the authority to proceed. He questioned whether that entity should even be interviewed. In that regard, *Ken Doherty* pointed out that even though an Amendment may not be proposed as a result of these upcoming interviews, they still may reveal areas in which various entities can interface and achieve better communication, resulting in better government efficiency. *Chairman Folchi* cited the relationship between the City of Punta Gorda and the Council as a positive example of improved communication.

Ken Doherty brought up the question of interviewing all or just selected members of various councils and boards. *Chairman Folchi* observed that they would have to be done one on one if that is the case as those entities are subject to Sunshine law also. No decision was made at that time. *Chairman Folchi* also asked about the deadline to have these interviews wrapped up and *Ken Doherty* advised that all proposed Amendments must be submitted by July 31st to be placed on the November ballot. Prior to that the Sub-Committees will report monthly to the general membership and the CRC will vote as a body on which issues should be submitted to the ballot. There will also be a series of Public Hearings before drafting any Amendments. *Chairman Folchi* and *John Hitzel* concurred that all interviews should be concluded by the end of March.

After discussion of conflicts and determining a solution for recording Minutes, *Chairman Folchi* proposed that future meetings should be scheduled on the first Tuesday of each month, as well as the third Thursday of each month just before the general meeting. The proposed meeting schedule is as follows, with the possibility of additions:

February 2, 2010 – 1:00 p.m.
February 18, 2010 – 3:00 p.m.
March 2, 2010 - 1:00 p.m.
March 18, 2010 - 3:00 p.m.
April 6, 2010 - 1:00 p.m.
April 15, 2010 - 3:00 p.m.

The members then examined each of the entities proposed for interview (as described earlier in these Minutes). Among other issues they discussed the possibility that some may overlap into the scope of some of the other sub-Committees. *John Hitzel* proposed that a list of questions be developed and *Chairman Folchi* agreed. Any such questions prepared by the members of this sub-Committee will be submitted through administrative support and forwarded to *Chairman Folchi*. *Chairman Folchi* was given full authority by those present to collect and prepare questions at his discretion and formulate the invitations to the entities he selects.

(4). Committee Comments: *Chairman Folchi* inquired if there were any other matters to be handled. In response *John Hitzel* commented that he and other CRC members may have questions that apply to some of the other sub-Committees and he wanted to be able to submit these without violation of the Sunshine laws. He was advised by *Ken Doherty* that these could be sent through administrative support for distribution, just as other questions had been done previously. *Ken Doherty* and *John Hitzel* also briefly discussed the Sunshine laws again as they apply to the upcoming radio discussion that *Ken Doherty* will be a part of and *John Hitzel* stated that he would not be present nor call in to make sure no violations occur.

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Chairman Folchi referred to the proposed contacts and issuing an invitation for their respective interviews, specifically asking if he could offer an oral invitation when he speaks to them. *Ken Doherty* advised that he can talk personally to anyone involved in those entities to set things up, but a formal invitation will also be issued through this sub-Committee.

(5). Public Input: None. (Note: Josh Salman, a reporter for the Sun-Herald, attended this meeting but did not provide input).

(6). Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m. EST.

Bill Folchi