

**Charter Review Commission
Other Boards and Agencies
Subcommittee Meeting
August 27, 2015**

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

Roll Call

The following Commission Other Boards and Agencies members were present:

Thomas J. Rice, Chairman

Kevin Russell

Absent members: Thomas J. Thornberry

Citizens: Don McCormick and Kimmie Correll

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM by Chairman Rice.

Agenda Items:

- I. Citizens Input – None at this time.

- II. Old Business
The minutes and notes from the breakout session were discussed and approved. Chairman Rice requested the handwritten notes be typed, included as an attachment and discussion will continue in this meeting.

- III. New Business
Chairman Rice and Mr. Russell as a quorum discussed the interviewees, which will be as follows:

Chamber of Commerce for Charlotte County, Punta Gorda and Englewood
Charlotte DeSoto Building Industry Association
Charlotte Board of Realtors
Enterprise Charlotte Economic Council
City Manager for Punta Gorda
Charlotte County Airport Authority
Superintendent of Charlotte County School Board

Chairman Rice and Mr. Russell discussed the next subcommittee meeting on September 29, 2015, at 3:00 p.m., conducting interviews of the three (3) Chambers, Charlotte, Punta Gorda and Englewood. The subcommittee meeting on October 7, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., will be conducting interviews with the Charlotte DeSoto Building Industry Association, Charlotte Board of Realtors and Enterprise Charlotte Economic Council. On October 23, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. the subcommittee will conduct interviews with the Punta Gorda City Council and then at 11:00 a.m. with the Charlotte Airport Authority. The subcommittee meeting on October 30, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. will be the interview with the Charlotte County School Board Superintendent.

Chairman Rice stated at one of the October meetings, we need to decide when they want to meet in November, to finalize our report. Chairman Rice and Mr. Russell further discussed and prepared Draft interview questions, which will be typed and sent to each subcommittee member, for final review. It was also decided to send final interview questions and link of Charter to all interviewees. Chairman Rice stated at the meeting on September 9th, for the full Charter, he will be unable to attend and asked Mr. Russell to get the minutes and if there is a need to report anything to the committee, please do so.

IV. Discussion

It was discussed and decided to ask counsel the following questions, which may be added to final interview questions: Are Community Redevelopment Agencies, Municipal Service Benefit Units and Municipal Services Taxing Units required to "sunset" or be reconstituted for designated time periods? and Should they require re-approval at certain time limits? Also, Chairman Rice stated other questions may be added after reviewing draft questions and hearing back from Rob Berntsson.

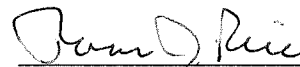
V. Citizens Input

Don McCormick had no statements.

Kimmie Correll introduced herself, stating she has been in the county eight (8) years and works with low income, disadvantaged and comes to these meetings to learn. Chairman Rice instructed Ms. Correll on where to find the Charter on the county website and stated the next full Charter meeting is September 9th, at 3:30 p.m., and there is opportunity for citizen input, and in each of the subcommittees, we are one (1) of four (4), there is opportunity for citizen input. Chairman Rice stated with the other three (3) committees, they are tasked with working with other boards and agencies such as the city of Punta Gorda, Airport Authority, Chamber of Commerce and the other subcommittees include that of the Constitutional Officers, Board of County Commissioners and Administration Staff and they also have opportunity for citizen input. Ms. Correll stated she goes to the County Commissioners meetings, got involved with Parks and Recreation, went through the government academy and works very closely with whatever group is governing the situations that are going on in her little neighborhood. Ms. Correll stated they do not have a MSBU in her neighborhood, as they were told the roads did not need to be redone, because there is only one (1) road into this twelve (12) block little neighborhood and we were in better shape than most of the other neighborhoods, so we were not affected by the tax that came on for a lot of the neighboring communities. Ms. Correll stated that she lives in South Punta Gorda Heights East, which was a mobile home park year's back. Ms. Correll stated she is very happy living here in Punta Gorda and doing what she can for other people.

Chairman Rice stated the next meeting for the Other Boards and Agencies subcommittee is September 29, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

VI. Adjournment: Upon motion made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 4:06 PM.



Thomas J. Rice, Chairman

HANDWRITTEN NOTES FROM BREAKOUT SESSION ON AUGUST 12, 2015

Other Boards and Agencies

- 7 Meetings (previous committee review)
- Discussed questions for meeting (Charter specific topics: List)
- Reduced/Grouped meetings from 7 to 5:
 1. Chamber of Commerce; Charlotte County, Punta Gorda and Englewood
 2. Charlotte DeSoto Building Industry Association, Charlotte Board of Realtors; Enterprise Charlotte Economic Council
 3. City Manager of Punta Gorda
 4. Charlotte County Airport Authority
 5. School Board Superintendent
- Changes in election process to consider:
 1. Single Member Districts
 2. Term Limits
 3. Partisan vs Non-partisan
 4. Campaign Contribution Limits
- Constitutional Officers elected or appointed by Board of County Commissioners
- County Administrator elected or appointed
- Set dates for interviews

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Interview Questions

Are there changes in the current election process that should be considered:

- ❖ Single Member Districts
- ❖ Term Limits
- ❖ Partisan vs Non-partisan Elections
- ❖ Campaign Contribution Limits

Should County Department Heads and members of Administration be required to be county residents?

Should Constitutional Officers be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners or elected?

Should the County Administrator be appointed or elected?

At the last Charter Review Commission in 2010, the County Director of Economic Development was changed to report directly to the Board of County Commissioners – Has that been successful?

Are there other changes to the County Home Charter that should be considered?

Is the Community Redevelopment Agency, Municipal Service Benefit Units and Municipal Service Taxing Units required to “sunset” or be reconstituted for designated time periods?

Should they require re-approval at certain time limits?