

**Charter Review Commission
Other Boards and Agencies
Subcommittee Meeting
June 30, 2021**

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 at 3 p.m.

Roll Call

The following members were present:

Theresa Murtha, Chair
Joyce Cream
Adam Riley

Absent members:

Colleen Palinksi-Ferrara

Citizens: None

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Chairman Theresa Murtha.

Agenda Items:

I. Citizens Input – None.

II. New Business:

a. Review of Potential Questions:

The committee reviewed questions that were used during the past two Charter Review Commissions from the sub-committee of Other Boards and Agencies. Feeling there was a need for more understanding of the creation of these questions and their development, Chair Murtha and Adam Riley volunteered to perform some research seeking information in this area. They will bring back to the sub-committee their findings and will make some recommendations. A list of potential questions follows as an attachment to these minutes.

Chairman Murtha advised the committee to review the prior minutes from the 2016 CR located in the Archive section on the County's web page for the charter review. [Charter Review Archive | Charlotte County, FL \(charlottecountyfl.gov\)](#)

b. Selection of Boards, Organizations and Agencies to Interview:

The following organizations were selected as potential groups to invite for interviews:

Chamber of Commerce's 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
Rotonda West Association
League of Women Voters

Other possible organizations include Charlotte County School Board, Babcock Ranch, West Port, Charlotte County Building Department and selected County Advisory Boards - (See Attachment One). It was noticed that County Advisory Boards were not interviewed in 2016 and the question was raised as to why. Chair Murtha and Adam Riley volunteered to research why they were not included and report back at the next meeting as it was felt that specific ones might provide valuable information.

c. Scheduling of Interview Meetings:

The committee felt several more meetings were necessary to compose questions and select the final organizations to interview, therefore the scheduling of the interview meetings was tabled at this time.

III. Discussion:

The following dates were reserved for future meetings: July 15 at 3 p.m. and July 28 at 4 p.m. for sub-committee meetings and August 3, 17 and 31 from 2-4:30 p.m. as potential dates and times to interview other organizations.

IV. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 4:16 PM.

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Theresa Murtha, Chair

Date

Other Boards & Agencies Sub-committee

Attachment One:

- Charlotte County Advisory Committees: For more information Ctrl+Click to follow link.
- [Affordable Housing Advisory Committee](#)
- [Agricultural and Natural Resources Advisory Committee](#)
- [Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee](#)
- [Board of Zoning Appeals](#)
- [Charlotte County Finance Committee](#)
- [Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee](#)
- [Charter Review Commission](#)
- [Code Enforcement Special Magistrate](#)
- [Community Action Agency Advisory Board](#)
- [Construction Industry Licensing Board](#)
- [Environmentally Sensitive Lands Oversight Committee](#)
- [Grove City Advisory Board](#)
- [Historical Advisory Committee](#)
- [Little Gasparilla Island Advisory Committee](#)
- [Manasota and Sandpiper Key Advisory Committee](#)
- [Marine Advisory Committee](#)
- [MPO-Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee \(BPAC\)](#)
- [MPO-Board Meeting](#)
- [MPO-Citizens Advisory Committee \(CAC\)](#)
- [MPO-Local Coordinating Board \(LCB\)](#)
- [MPO-Technical Advisory Committee \(TAC\)](#)
- [Murdock Village Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee](#)
- [Parks and Recreation Advisory Board](#)
- [Planning and Zoning Board](#)
- [RESTORE Act Advisory Board](#)
- [South Gulf Cove Community Plan Advisory Committee](#)
- [Tourist Development Council](#)

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Interview Questions

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

- ❖ Term Limits
- ❖ Partisan vs Non-partisan Elections
- ❖ Campaign Contribution Limits
- ❖ More or Less Commissioners

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? To be researched

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

Should they require re-approval at certain time limits? To be researched

Should the percentage of the required signatures for the public to propose a change or a new ordinance be reduced or increased from 10 percent to another number?

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

New:

Should the Charter Review Commission recommend changes to the Home Rule Charter that would help in business development efforts or to improve the business climate in Charlotte County?

Specific Questions from 2010 to be considered:

Punta Gorda City Council – Are there any issues such as Charlotte County geographic jurisdiction for water resources that might be addressed by the CRC?

Airport Authority: Business development is of primary importance at present. Should the CRC recommend changes to the Home Rule Charter that would help the airport in business development efforts?

Enterprise Charlotte: Does Enterprise Charlotte and/or Charlotte County EDO have any recommendations for changes, deletions or additions to the Home Rule Charter to improve the business climate?

Other potential topics or potential draft questions:

Should there be a provision in the Charter for allowing citizens to give input/vote for Casino Gambling?

Water Districts: Do you see a need for desalinization in the future?

Do you have any suggestions as to how the Charlotte County Home Rule Charter should be improved?

Do other counties have Long-term plans for development in their Charter or a Comprehensive Plan for growth?