

**Charter Review Commission
Other Boards and Agencies
Subcommittee Meeting
November 18, 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 3:00 p.m. on November 18, 2021

Roll Call:

The following members were present:

Theresa Murtha, Chair

Steve Drake

Members Absent: Adam Riley and James Coalwell.

Citizens: None

Agenda Items:

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 3:12 PM by Chairman Theresa Murtha.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION WAS MADE BY THERESA MURTHA AND SECONDED BY STEVE DRAKE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF September 13, 2021; September 22, 2021; October 5, 2021; and October 11, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED: 2:0

I. Citizen Input: None.

II. Old Business:

a. Review of Draft Outline and Charter issues to recommend to the Commission and Board of County Commissioners.

The committee reviewed the Findings, Recommendations for Charter, Recommendations for Future Charter Review Commissions and Other Recommendations as presented in the draft Final Report prepared by Chair Murtha.

Charter Recommendations:

1. Term Limits: Insert after 2.2. "staggered terms of four years". No county commissioner shall serve more than two consecutive terms.
2. Referendum on Casino Gambling : By Charlotte County Citizens should the State of Florida legalized gambling in the State.
3. Balancing of the Composition of the Charter Review Commission.

Add to Findings: A statement regarding Single District Commissioner voting, adding number of Charters with Casino Gambling language, add statement re: Airport Commission not being purview of the Charter although there may be a role on how the Airport is administrated.

Recommendations for Future Charter Review Commissions:

1. To make more efficient use of time and encourage participation, there is a need for the ability to conduct interviews using Zoom, Facetime, or other appropriate technology. All sub-committee members could be present at physical meetings and public able to witness interviews conducted on a screen.
2. Improvement needed in public awareness of the Charter Review Commission and encouragement to attend meetings and voice opinions. For instance, only one of the Other Boards and Agencies meetings had public participation.

Recommendations (Other):

Other recommendations we make for commissioners and county staff for consideration that may not meet the requirements or need for a charter amendment that arose due to input made during our interviews include:

1. The County should work with outside professional leadership to establish a forum/conference for interaction and planning with the leadership of public and private entities in the County.
2. Given strong concerns regarding the one-percent tax administration, it is recommended that procedures be reviewed by a Citizens Committee prior to the next One-Percent Sales Tax Committee start-up and recommendations for changes be evaluated and voted on by the County Commissioners. Look at the comment regarding balancing of projects from different areas of the county and other issues – Pattie Aho.

III. New Business: None.

IV. Discussion: None.

V. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 4:10 PM.

No follow-up meeting was scheduled but the Committee agreed to meet after the CRC meeting on December 8, 2021 to review and approve their Final Report.

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Theresa Murtha, Chair Date
Other Boards & Agencies Sub-committee