

**Charter Review Commission
Constitutional Officers
Subcommittee Meeting
November 22, 2021**

A meeting of the Charter Review Commission, Constitutional Officers Subcommittee was held at Charlotte County Administration Center, 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, Florida, meeting room B106 at 1:00 p.m. on November 22, 2021.

Roll Call

The following members were present:

William Schafer, Chairman
Patricia Aho
Don McCormick
Bob White

Absent members: Suzanne Graham, Alternate.

Citizens: None

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Chairman Schafer.

Agenda Items:

I. Citizens Input – None.

II. Old Business:

a. Approval of the Minutes from August 4 and August 25, 2021.

MOTION WAS MADE BY PATRICIA AHO AND SECONDED BY BOB WHITE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED OF AUGUST 4, 2021 AND AUGUST 25, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED 4:0

III. New Business:

a. Review of Potential Charter issues to recommend to the Commission as raised by the Constitutional Officers in their interviews:

1. Enforcement of the Charter – How is it enforced and what do we do about it.

Ideas to consider:

- Independent oversight group made up of members of the CRC or others that would only meet if a Charter question was raised.
- Discuss with the full Commission and invite the County Attorney to attend.

- Commissioners not in a position to enforce the Charter because they are elected and should only be interpreting it (aside from naming people to the CRC).
- Place Enforcement and Redistricting in the same group/unelected people.
- If someone declares a violation of the Charter and tells the Supervisor of Elections that person is ineligible based on the Charter, then our County Attorney files a "Stop" on the individual from putting name on the ballot and if not appealed in 30 days it stands.
- Make the Charter Review Commission members elected.

2. High number of MSBU's/Tu's and the increasing fees and assessments to the detriment of some property owners. The MSBU as it exists creates hardship and is there something through the Charter that can alleviate that hardship?

Ideas to consider:

- Institute Independent Advisory Board.
- How do we deal with all the MSBU's and how they are impacting our property owners?
- Is there a way to consolidate or abolish smaller ones and delete those who have not met in several years?

The committee discussed and agreed that we are only raising concerns and not promoting solutions. While the MSBU issue may not be resolved through the Charter, it is an issue that should be conveyed to the Board of County Commissioners.

3. Redistricting Issues – the committee members declined to include redistricting issues in the subcommittee report as it was not an issue raised with the Constitutional Officers.

b. Discussion of Draft Outline of the Final Report.

1. The committee discussed the parameters of what was the scope of the subcommittee's report to the Commission and what to include. Members recommended following the format of prior years for this report.

2. Preparation of Draft Final Report: Member Aho agreed to write a draft report and will have it available to the members by December 6, 2021 for review prior to the next meeting.

IV. Discussion – Next meeting to be held December 13, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

V. Adjournment: Chairman Schafer adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m. by consensus.



 William Schafer, Chairman Date
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