

Minutes of the 17th Charter Revision Commission Government Committee Meeting
Monday, March 5, 2012

Present: Vincent J. Freccia by phone; Josh Fedeli; Susan Nabel; Rich Roseman
Dudley Williams.
Visitors: Frank Vartuli

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Chairman Freccia. Chair Freccia stated that Mayor Pavia will attend on 3/19 in order to address his suggestions (Charges 88 and 91 among others.) Chair Freccia also relayed that he had spoken to Mr. Cacace of the 1987 Charter Commission regarding Charge 112h (C3-10-14). Mr. Cacace was not able to comment on the significance of that Charter section. The Committee agreed that the section seems "out of place" in the Charter but agreed to continue to discuss the item.

Charge 90: Charter references are C6-120-2 and C5-30-5. Committee agreed to add a #9 to the list of responsibilities in C5-30-5: "The maintenance and operation of the Terry Connors Rink will be under the jurisdiction of the Parks & Recreation Commission." Ms. Nabel was requested to pass this wording on to Ms. McManus.

The Committee returned to its discussion of the proposal to include a Citizens' Bill of Rights in the Charter. Various modifications were made to the draft submitted by Mr. Fedeli on 3/5.

In Article I, strike "Fair" and replace with "Open."

Article II, no changes

Article III Concern that Ethical relate to work the PSHethics Committee is doing with the Ethics Code.

Article IV: JF will red-draft , counsel will review. Focus should be on clear appeal process more than on the right to appeal.

Article V: no changes.

Josh Fedeli will redraft and Committee will hope to have on agenda for full Commission meeting on 3/7.

Chair Freccia reviewed the "Chart of Charges" prepared by Susan Nabel and asked for the Chart to be completed in draft by Wednesday 3/7.

The Committee returned to its discussion of the WPCA and Charter section C5-30-2. Committee would like to consult counsel on the following:

- Delete items 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 out of that section or consider a general disclaimer to exclude all items in the state statute/WPCA charter that conflict with responsibilities of the Director of Operations;
- Where is the overlap of the WPCA and city in both operating responsibilities and property ownership;
- What if any is the transfer of ownership ? does State Statute 103 mandate such a transfer?
- Draft language to clarify what is unclear about city vs. state responsibility in operating the WPCA.

Chair Freccia requested that an email be sent to the Secretary of the Board of Representatives to ask which member of the BOR had asked that the Transportation section of the Charter be examined.

Approval of the minutes of the 2/13 meeting was moved by Dudley Williams, seconded Rich Roseman, passed unanimously.

Approval of the minutes of the 2/20 meeting was moved by Dudley Williams, seconded Rich Roseman, passed unanimously.

The minutes of 2/27 were corrected by Susan Nabel. Charge 12h should read Charge 112h. The corrected minutes were moved for approval by Josh Fedeli, seconded Dudley Williams, passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Government committee was scheduled for March 19 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Pavia attending as a guest.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30p.m. on a motion by Rich Roseman, seconded by Josh Fedeli.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Nabel

This meeting is on [video](#).