

GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012 MEETING

Present: Vincent Freccia, Chair; Josh Fedeli by phone; Dudley Williams; Richard Roseman, excused; Susan Navel, excused. Also in attendance Commission member Rosanne McManus and Mr. Frank Vartuli, a member of the public

The meeting was called to order by Chair Freccia at 7:12 p.m.

Committee discussed the request for a Charter provision establishing a historic preservation commission. Chair Freccia mentioned that Cynthia Reader transmitted via e-mail that day of 34 pages relating to the State certification of the City of Stamford. Chair Freccia and the Committee members were unable to completely read the enclosure prior to the meeting and consequently will discuss at the next meeting.

Committee discussed briefly Mayor Pavia's submission for establishment of a cabinet position of Land Use Director encompassing the Economic Development Director function.

Committee discussed the WPCA charge. Chair Freccia will request counsel to be available via phone conference or in person to discuss this issue more thoroughly taking into account the correlation between State statute and City ordinance.

Committee continued discussion of the bill of rights request.

Committee discussed elements of the discussion between Co-Chairs Freccia and Sandak and the Board of Representatives Charter Revision Committee which was held immediately prior to this Committee meeting at 6:00 P.M. Chair Freccia noted that Co-Chair Sandak did an admirable and thorough job of advising the Board of Reps Committee of the procedure and progress of the 17th Charter Revision Commission. Certain issues regarding timing and potential bifurcation of issues were discussed. Also discussed was the practicality of submitting a large number of referendum questions to voters during a presidential election cycle. Counsel for the Commission will review any options available in these regards.

Approval of the minutes of the March 26, 2012 meeting was tabled insofar as Mr. Williams was not in attendance and therefore would be forced to abstain and therefore a quorum was not achieved for this purpose. Also tabled was the approval of the minutes of the March 19th meeting insofar as Chair Freccia was not in attendance and consequently a quorum could not be achieved for this vote as well.

It was determined the next Government Committee meeting would be April 9, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Vincent J. Freccia, III

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