

MINUTES

FREDERICK COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

June 26, 2019

Members Present: John Daniels, Dylan Diggs, Paul Gilligan, Lisa Jarosinski, Dr. April Miller, Walter Olson, Stephen Slater

Call to Order: Ragen Cherney, Chief of Staff, County Council called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome: Frederick County Council President, MC Keegan-Ayer and County Executive Jan Gardner delivered welcoming remarks to the Charter Review Commission recognizing their charge and thanking them for their service.

Role of Charter Review Commission and Legal Background: Frederick County Attorney John Mathias presented a PowerPoint detailing the role and expectations of the Commission, requirements of the Maryland Open Meetings Act and the Maryland Public Information Act. Specifically, Mr. Mathias noted the Commission members were to review the Charter and to make recommendations in a report to the Council on the necessary Charter revisions no later than February 28, 2020. Mr. Mathias outlined the current Frederick County Charter as well as delving into the responsibilities of the County Executive, the County Council, and the overall performance of local government.

Election of Officers: Mr. Daniels nominated Stephen Slater to be Chairperson, which was seconded by Mr. Gilligan. There were no other nominations. County Attorney Mathias closed the nominations. Mr. Mathias asked for acclimation for the election of Mr. Slater to be Chair. The Commission voted unanimously for Mr. Slater to be Chair.

Dr. Miller nominated Walter Olson as Vice Chairperson and Mr. Diggs seconded the nomination. Ms. Jarosinski nominated John Daniels as Vice Chairperson and Chairperson Slater seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Mathias closed the nominations. Mr. Daniels was elected Vice Chairperson with a 4-3 vote, (Members Daniels, Gilligan, Jarosinski, and Slater voting in favor of Mr. Daniels; Members Diggs, Miller, and Olson voting in favor of Mr. Olson).

Future Charter Review Commission Meeting Dates and Times: Due to summer vacation schedules, the Commission did not select regular meeting dates and times. The Commission decided they would address future meeting

dates and times and scheduled their next meeting date for Wednesday, July 10, 2019, at 7:00 pm in the Third Floor Meeting Room in Winchester Hall.

Other Business: Chairperson Slater asked the members to create a list of stakeholders who would be most helpful in giving feedback on the current Charter. A suggestion was made by Dr. Miller to discuss options on how to analyze the Charter. It was decided to save that topic for discussion at a future meeting.

Public Comments: None

Next Meeting

Wednesday, July 10, 2019, at 7 pm, Winchester Hall

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Gilligan and seconded by Dr. Miller. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Stephen Slater, Chairperson
Charter Review Commission