



CLALLAM COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MINUTES of March 12, 2020

MEETING OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION (CRC)

Chair Erzen called the meeting to order at 6 p.m., Thursday, March 12, 2020. Also present were Commissioners Miller, Lotzgesell, Morris, Cameron, Turner, Hunter, Murray, Stokan, Pratt, Stoffer, Richards (via phone), Doherty (via telephone) and Fleck (appeared late via telephone). May is absent.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Stokan requested to add an announcement section at the beginning of the agenda. She noted she needs to leave early tonight and she'd like to make some comments regarding the Electromagnetic Field (EMF) topic being proposed for the March 26 agenda.

ACTION TAKEN: Erzen moved to adopt the agenda as modified, second, motion carried (13 voted in favor of)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Special Meeting Minutes February 27, 2020

ACTION TAKEN: Turner moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded, motion carried (13 voted in favor of)

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on the correspondences submitted by Commissioner Ozias, how Elected Officials interact together, Department of Community Development and legislative function and Shoreline Master Program (see attached).
- Ingrid Carmean, Port Angeles, commented on legal campsites and homelessness proposal and Serenity House (see attached).
- Mary Ellen Winborn, Department of Community Development, commented on the correspondences submitted by Commissioner Ozias and Comprehensive Plan Update (see attached)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stokan commented on amendment proposed by Tony Corrado regarding 5g/Electromagnetic Field (EMF). CRC Members discussed 5g/EMF and if this topic fits within the County Charter. It was noted that this topic will be placed on the March 26 agenda for discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE/PETITIONS

Gores noted receipt of correspondences from Administrator Sill, Candace Pratt, Therese Stokan and Ingrid Carmean (see attached).

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Presentation on differences between Ordinances, Policy, Code and Charter

Stanley, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney presented the differences between Ordinances, Policy, Code and Charter. CRC Members discussed and asked questions regarding the differences between these items.

- Discussion on forming committees – Commissioner Erzen
Erzen asked for recommendations of committees to be formed.

Pratt recommended forming a Department of Community Development (DCD) committee. CRC Members discussed if the committee should be formed to discuss all DCD issues or specific issues. Commissioners decided to separate the DCD elected/appointed and code enforcement topics. Commissioners Stoffer, Morris and Turner requested to be on the DCD elected/appointed committee. Commissioners Lotzgesell, Cameron, and Morris volunteered to be on the DCD code enforcement issue committee.

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Stokan recommended forming a water security amendment committee. CRC Members discussed if water security amendment should be formed as a committee. Commission will submit a legal action request to seek a legal opinion.

ACTION TAKEN: Lotzgesell moved to seek a legal counsel opinion to see if water security issues are under the County Charter that the group can address, second, motion carried (10 voted in favor of and 3 voted opposed)

Turner recommended forming an Administrator issues committee. Commissioners Turner, Pratt and Lotzgesell volunteered to be on the Administrator issues committee.

Stokan recommended forming a Tribal representation position on the Board of Commissioners committee. CRC Members discussed if there could be Tribal representation position on the Board of Commissioners.

ACTION TAKEN: Stoffer moved to seek a legal counsel opinion to see if the Tribal representation position is under the County Charter that the group can address, second, motion carried (12 voted in favor of and 1 voted abstain)

- Discussion on survey process – Commissioner Turner

Turner updated on meetings she held with Morris and Stacie Neff, Epidemiologist. She noted 4 points are criteria for questions, format, distribution and evaluation. CRC Members discussed reasons for and against having a survey.

ACTION TAKEN: Turner moved to create a tool to help gather public input, second, motion carried (10 voted in favor of and 3 voted opposed)

The Commission recessed at 7:50 p.m. and reconvened at 7:57 p.m.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

- Making Prosecutor a nonpartisan position – Commissioner Richards

Richards commented that she doesn't feel the Prosecuting Attorney should be affiliated with a party. CRC Members discussed reasons for and against moving proposed amendment forward.

- Homelessness and public sanitation – Commissioner Stokan

Stokan commented that the proposal has been reviewed by a constitutional attorney. She stated her concerns with citizens camping in non-designated areas. CRC Members discussed reason for and against moving proposed amendment forward. Chair Erzen proposed forming a committee to make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioners Pratt, Stokan and Stoffer volunteered to be on the homelessness committee.

- Elect 5 County Commissioners by district – Commissioner Turner

Commissioner Turner requested to move topic forward to the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on the Department of Community Development Committee, the Elected Department of Community Development Director, taxes and fees petition, County jurisdiction relinquishment petition and County resources and accountability for natural resources inventory (see attached).

ITEMS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Jurassic Parliament guidelines for public comment.
- Next regular meeting in Sequim – March 26 – City of Sequim Council Chamber

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- Turner addressed the Human Resources appeal process
- Pratt addressed an email she sent as an individual and not as a Commissioner of the Charter

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Rules for a public hearing.
- Electromagnetic Field (EMF) amendment – Commissioner Stokan
- Amendment to Add Article XIV Public Health and/or Environmental Safety to Charter – Commissioner Stokan
- Exemptions Article X Personnel System, Section 10.20 – Administrator Sill
- Water Security
- Tribal representation on the Board of County Commissioners
- Elect 5 County Commissioners by district – Commissioner Turner

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting concluded at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Loni Gores, CMC
Clerk to the Charter Review Commission

Approved: April 9, 2020