CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 8, 2021 – 8:00 a.m. Remote/Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Commission Members Present:	Staff Present:
George Margolies, Chair	Ed Lattner, Office of the County Attorney
Ronald Stubblefield	Christine Wellons, Office of the
Christopher Danley	County Council
Katherine Gugulis	Marie Jean-Paul, Office of the County
David Hill	Council
Larry Lauer	
Nichole Thomas	
Perry Paylor	
Commission Member Absent:	
Susan Miles	

Commission Chair George Margolies called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Mr. Margolies acknowledged the presence of a quorum. The agenda was approved without objection. The minutes for June 9, 2021 were approved without objection.

II. CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING LISTENING SESSIONS

The Commission decided to proceed with scheduling three virtual public listening sessions on:

- o Wednesday, October 20, 2021, 7:00 PM
- o Sunday, November 14, 2021, 2:00 PM
- o Saturday, December 11, 2021, 10:00 AM

The Commission decided to tentatively schedule two in-person public listening sessions after the virtual sessions.

III. DRAFT PRESS RELEASE REGARDING LISTENING SESSIONS

The Commission Members reviewed a draft press release to announce the listening sessions. Ms. Gugulis stated that more thought should be given to the wording of the potential Charter amendment regarding conflicting Charter amendments approved by the voters. Mr. Margolies noted that the language was patterned after language in the Anne Arundel County

Charter. Commissioners discussed that the language can be further refined after receiving input from the public.

Mr. Lauer noted that the opening paragraph of the press release should be revised to account for the fact that some sessions will be virtual and some will be in person (tentatively). Dr. Thomas noted that the language regarding how to register for listening sessions should be clearer. Mr. Hill suggested appending the specific language of proposed amendments as a separate attachment to simplify the press release.

IV. CONCLUSION

Mr. Margolies reminded the Commission that the next meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2021. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

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