

RAMSEY COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday February 6, 2023

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Public Works, Marsden Room, 1425 Paul Kirkwold Drive, Arden Hills, MN 55112

1. Call to Order: Chair Nancy Haas called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.
2. Roll Call Attendance: Completed by Jason Yang

District	Charter Commission Member	Present	Excused	Unexcused
1	Ann Maslansky-Takahashi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1	Eugene M. Nichols	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Lisa M. Laliberte	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Joann Knuth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Nancy Haas - Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Sallee Brandt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Bethany Winkels	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	William A. Lindeke	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Jazmin Glaser-Kelly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Sebastian Ellefson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Hoang Murphy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Matthew S. Emerson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Charlotte A. Pena	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	William (Bill) Kempe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At Large	Angela (Angie) Thies – Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At Large	Alvaro M. Giraud	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
At Large	Allen E. Hoppe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Guests:

Also Present

Jim Mogen, Assistant Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney's Office
Jason Yang Administrative Planning Assistant, Ramsey County's
Manager's Office

3. Approval of February 6, 2023 Agenda: Motioned by Bill Kempe and second by Allen Hoppe. Unanimously approved by all members present.
4. Approval of minutes from August 1, 2022; October 17, 2022; and January 23, 2023: Motioned by Maslansky-Takahashi and seconded by Bill Kempe. Unanimously approved by all members present.

5. New Business

A. Welcome

B. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

- i. Members discussed chair and vice chair roles and nominated candidates.
 1. Chair candidate: Nancy Haas – Nominated by Allen E. Hoppe and seconded by Bill Kempe. Unanimously approved by all members present.
 2. Vice Chair candidate: Lisa Loliberte – Nominated by Bethany Winkles seconded by Allen E. Hoppe. Unanimously approved by all members present.
 3. Jazmin Glaser-Kelly expressed interest in leadership roles, but was hesitant due to lack of experience. No vote taken, but the group consensus was for Jazmin to be mentored by Nancy Haas before taking on leadership roles.

C. Proposed time change from 7pm-9pm to 6pm-8pm.

- i. Members discussed changing the time to 6pm-8pm to make meetings more accessible to the public. They also discussed other factors contributing to attendance and community participation.
- ii. Bethany Winkles motioned, and Eugene seconded. Unanimously approved by all members present.
 1. Quarter 2 May 1st at 7pm – Plato Conference Room
 2. August 7th at 6pm – location TBD
 3. October 16 at 6pm – location TBD

D. Discussion on excused and unexcused absences.

- i. Refer to Ramsey County Charter Commission Bylaws for additional information regarding excused and unexcused absences (See attachment - Charter Commission Bylaws).

6. Committee Reports

A. Chair Reports – 2023 Workplan

- i. Next meeting will be used to develop the work plan for 2023-2024.

B. Budget Reports – confirmation of leadership and new members for 2023

- i. Chair Nancy Haas led a discussion about the purpose of the committee and explained the role of the co-chairs who will lead the budget committee. The budget committee meets from August – October during budget years and 2023 is a budget year. October 17th meeting is dedicated to presentations from the Ramsey County Manager and the Chief Financial Officer for the Ramsey County budget.
- ii. Members: Bethany Winkles, Ann Maslansky-Takahashi, Allen Hoppe,
- iii. Hybrid option preferred

C. Charter Review – confirmation of leadership and new members for 2023

- i. Co-chair Sebastian Ellefson discussed the purpose of the committee and

- recruited for additional members.
- ii. Members: Eugene Nichols, Bill Kempe, Charlotte Pena, Matthew Emerson
- iii. In-Person option preferred
- D. By-Law Review – Charter Commission Bylaw Amendments and Recommendations
 - i. Jim Mogen explained the purpose of the by-laws to the members, and he also explained his suggested adjustments. The members also had an opportunity to discuss each section with Jim and with each other.
 - ii. Motion to approve all the amendments to the bylaws based on consensus: Bethany Winkels, seconded by Allen Hoppe. Unanimously approved by all members present.
- 7. Citizen Input (Approximately 8:30 PM):
 - A. No public attendees to provide citizen input.
- 8. Future Agenda Items
 - A. Add bylaws to the website
 - B. Citizens Guide to Changing the Charter has incorrect information because it has information pertaining to changing ordinances, but not the Charter Home Rule itself.
 - C. Widening bike paths and infrastructure for St. Paul and suburbs.
- 9. Adjournment 9:00pm – Motioned by Bethany Winkels, seconded by Sebastian Ellefson. Unanimously approved by all members present.

Next Meeting: Monday May 1, 2023
Plato Conference Center, 90 Plato Blvd West, Saint Paul, MN 55107