

RAMSEY COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, May 5, 2025 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Plato Conference Center – Auditorium 128
90 Plato Blvd West, Saint Paul, MN 55107

1. Call to Order: Vice-Chair Matthew Emerson called the meeting to order at 6:14pm.
2. Roll Call Attendance: Completed by Jackie Sucura

District	Charter Commission Member	Present	Excused	Unexcused
1	Ann Maslansky-Takahashi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1	Eugene (Gene) Nichols	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	(Vacant)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	John Niedfeldt-Thomas – Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Nancy Haas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	John W. Provo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	(Vacant)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	William (Bill) 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	Gloria Bogen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	(Vacant)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Matthew Emerson – Vice-Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Jo Emerson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	(Vacant)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At Large	Markeya Knight	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At Large	Jonathan (Jon) Schumacher	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At Large	Allen Hoppe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Note: A simple majority of members present at a meeting is sufficient for adoption of any motion, except for motion (1) to amend the bylaws, or (2) to submit a proposed amendment to an election. For these votes, a majority equal to quorum is required.

Guests: Brian Issacson, Director of Public Works
 John Mazzitello, Deputy Director of Public Works
 Corey Richter, Supervisor of Maintenance & Construction –Public Works
 Nick Fischer, Engineer – Public Works

Also Present: Stacey D’Andrea, Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney’s Office
 Jackie Sucura, Planner, Ramsey County Manager’s Office

3. Motion to move May 5, 2025 agenda adding a round of introductions motioned by John Provo and seconded by Allen Hoppe. Unanimously approved by all members present.
4. Motion to move the October 21, 2024 Minutes: Motioned by Allen Hoppe and seconded by Gloria Bogen. Unanimously approved by all members present.
5. Motion to move the February 3, 2025 Minutes: Motioned by Allen Hoppe and seconded by John Provo. Unanimously approved by all members present.
6. New Business
 - a. Welcome and introductions
 - b. Presentation: Rice Street Revitalization – Presented by: Nick Fischer, Engineer Public Works; Corey Richter, Supervisor of Maintenance and Construction; Brian Issacson, Director of Public Works; and John Mazzitello, Deputy Director of Public Works.
 - i. Engineer Nick Fischer provided an overview of the proposed project which included the project area, community partnership and previous engagement utilized during the pandemic, evaluation goals and criteria, the future in safety and traffic, modes of travel and an overview on the current construction of the project.
 - ii. Supervisor of Maintenance and Construction Corey Richter provided an overview of the Rice Street Reconstruction, providing the handout attached below, providing a deep dive of the 3 stages of the 2025 Construction Schedule.
 - [Link to Rice Street Construction Hand Out](#)
 - [Link to Rice Street Cookbook](#)
 - iii. Director Brian Issacson and John Mazzitello provided additional insight to questions asked by Charter Commission Members.
 - iv. Charter Commission members had an opportunity to ask questions about the Rice Creek Revitalization project, including proposed timeline, funding allocations, possible delays or nuances in the project, and voice their thoughts on other elements to be considered for the project.
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Chair
 - i. No reports

- b. Vice-Chair Reports
 - i. No reports
- c. Budget Committee Reports
 - i. No reports
- d. Charter Review Committee Report
 - i. Vice-Chair Emerson reported on behalf of Eugene Nichols – if anyone is interested in meeting for a budget review committee reach out from now to August; noted that required to meet every two years as indicated in Charter Commission bylaws.
- e. Nomination Committee Report
 - i. No reports
- 8. Citizens Input (7:30 p.m.)
 - a. None for input.
- 9. Meeting Dates and Locations for 2025
 - a. August 4, 2025 – TBD (Tentative Maplewood Library)
 - b. October 20, 2025 – TBD
- 10. Adjournment
 - a. Vice-Chair Emerson motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion by Gloria Bogen, seconded by Ann Takahashi-Maslansky. Unanimously approved by all members present.

Next Meeting: Monday August 4, 2025
Location: Maplewood Library