

RAMSEY COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday May 1, 2023 7pm – 9pm Plato Conference Center, 90 Plato Blvd West, Saint Paul, MN 55107

- 1. Call to Order: Vice Chair Lisa Laliberte 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	\boxtimes		
1	Eugene M. Nichols	\boxtimes		
2	Lisa M. Laliberte – Vice Chair	\boxtimes		
2	Joann Knuth			\boxtimes
3	Nancy Haas - Chair		\boxtimes	
3	Vacant			
4	Bethany Winkels	\boxtimes		
4	William A. Lindeke	\boxtimes		
5	Jazmin Glaser-Kelly	\boxtimes		
5	Gloria Bogen		\boxtimes	
6	Hoang Murphy			\boxtimes
6	Matthew S. Emerson	\boxtimes		
7	Charlotte A. Pena	\boxtimes		
7	William (Bill) Kempe	\boxtimes		
At Large	Angela (Angie) Thies		\boxtimes	
At Large	Vacant			
At Large	Allen E. Hoppe	\boxtimes		

Guests

Brian Issacson, Director, Ramsey County Public Works Dept.

Also Present:

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

- 3. Ann motioned to move the presentation to the top of the agenda, Mathew seconded. Unanimously approved by all members present.
- 4. Approval of Monday May 1, 2023 Agenda: Motioned by Bill Kempe and seconded by Gene Nichols. Unanimously approved by all members present.

- 5. Approval of the February 6 Minutes: Motioned by Bill Kempe and seconded by Gene. Unanimously approved by all members present.
- 6. New Business
 - A. Presentation: Bike paths and Infrastructure in Ramsey County Ramsey County Public Works Director Brian Isaacson
 - i. Brian provided an overview of bike paths, the network that's currently underway and proposed networks for the future. He also provided a summary of the fiveyear Transportation Improvement Plan for Ramsey County in partnership with various cities to highlight transportation and funding priorities.
 - ii. Charter Commission members had an opportunity to ask Brian questions regarding road constructions and future community engagement opportunities.
 - B. Updated <u>Charter Commission Bylaws</u> are posted on Charter Commission website.
 - C. Resignations:
 - i. Resignation Sebastian Ellefson District 5
 - 1. New member for District 5, Gloria Bogen was unable to attend due to a prior commitment. She did notify Jason beforehand, so her absence was excused.
 - ii. Resignation Alvaro M. Giraud At-Large
 - 1. Motion to Declare a Vacancy: motioned by Bill, seconded by Gene. Unanimously approved by all members present.
 - iii. Resignation Sallee Brandt District 3
 - 1. Motion to Declare a Vacancy: motioned by Bill, seconded by Jazmin. Unanimously approved by all members present.
 - iv. Commission members discussed recruitment and retention of members. They also discussed ideas of providing more clarity about roles and responsibilities for new member (ie. Commission is not a governing body and not elected officials, only action item members can take is to prepare for changes to the Home Rule Charter and provide recommendations for the annual budget).
 - D. Citizens Guide to Changing the Charter
 - i. Information on how to amend the Home Rule Charter was shared with the group (See attachment: Amendment of the Charter).
- 7. Committee Reports
 - A. Chair Reports develop workplan for 2023-2024
 - i. Commission member Bethany Winkels provided an overview and historical perspective of the 2022 work plan. The group discussed various models of the workplan.
 - 1. Alternative 1: Follow the 2022 workplan



- 2. Alternative 2: Use the Charter commission meeting as a work meeting to review the Budget.
- 3. Alternative 3: Sebastian Ellefson, previous Chair of Charter Review Subcommittee, submitted notes of the Home Rule Charter and someone can take up the Chair and move forward with his notes
- B. Budget Review confirm Budget Committee Chairs and meeting cadence
 - Decision to implement the Budget Subcommittee was made in February.
 Bethany, Ann, Matthew
- C. Charter Committee Review confirm Charter Review Chair and meeting cadence
 - i. Co-Chair: Gene and Matthew, members: Charlotte and Bill Kempe
 - 1. First Meeting: Monday June 12, somewhere between 9am-3pm, the cochairs will connect to determine the time and will update the subcommittee members.
- D. Chair and Vice Chair draft the 2023 workplan in collaboration with the subcommittee cochair and report at the next meeting.
 - i. Motion by Bethany and second by Matthew. Unanimously approved by all members present.
- 8. Citizen Input (Approximately 8:30 PM)
 - A. None for input.
- 9. Future Agenda Items
 - A. Budget Subcommittee Report Out
 - B. Charter Review Subcommittee Report Out
- 10. Adjournment
 - A. Vice Chair Lisa Laliberte adjourned the meeting at 8:47pm.

Next Meeting: Monday August 7, 2023 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Roseville Library

Attachments:

- 1. February 6 Minutes
- 2. Charter Commission Bylaws
- 3. 2022 Workplan
- 4. Amendment of the Charter