Ramsey County Charter Commission Monday, February 3, 2014

The Ramsey County Charter Commission meeting was held at the Ramsey County Public Works Facility, 1425 Paul Kirkwold Drive, Arden Hills, MN 55112, with the following members present:

Members present: Members Absent:

District 1: Joe Murphy

Richard Sonterre

District 2: VACANT

Bob Benke

District 3: Eric Haugee

Randy Gustafson

District 4: Theresa Nix (excused)

Peter Hendricks (late)

District 5: Brian Joyce

Wendy Underwood

District 6: Robert Humphrey

Russell Miller (excused)

District 7: Robert Bruton

Marvin Koppen

At Large:

Emily Samsel

Beverly Aplikowski

Fred Perez (excused)

Also present: Kyle Thomas, Director, Civil Division, County Attorney's Office

Jeff Stephenson, Assistant County Attorney Bonnie Jackelen, County Manager's Office

Megan Haugen, Elections Office

QUORUM

The Bylaws state that a majority of members present will be adequate to take action on an item, except for substantive issues and amendments to the Charter. It was determined by the Chair, and upheld by all members present, that actions on the February 4, 2014 agenda, including election of officers, were not substantive.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Chair Bob Benke.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 3, 2014 AGENDA

Humphrey moved, seconded by Murphy, to approve the February 3, 2014 agenda. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 4, 2013 MINUTES

Bruton moved, seconded by Aplikowski, to approve the minutes of November 4, 2013. Approved unanimously; Murphy abstained.

CITIZEN COMMENTS/INPUT

No citizens were present for comments or input.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Report from 2013 Nominating Committee

The nominating committee met and are recommending:

- Chair Randy Gustafson
- Vice-Chair Joe Murphy.

Chair Benke asked if there were any other nominations for Chair.

Murphy moved, seconded by Humphrey, to close nominations and approve Gustafson as Chair for 2014. Approved unanimously.

Gustafson moved, seconded by Humphrey, to close nominations for Vice-Chair and approve Murphy as Vice-Chair for 2014. Approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF 2014 MEETING DATE

The following three dates had previously been established as the remaining meeting dates in 2014. These dates are:

- Monday, May 5, 2014
- Monday, August 4, 2014
- Monday, October 27, 2014 (one week early due to elections)

Gustafson noted that meetings would only be held if there is business to attend to, otherwise, Ms. Jackelen would send out a meeting cancellation notice.

Ms. Jackelen said that if a member has business that should be discussed, to let her know.

ADJOURNMENT

Murphy moved to adjourn, seconded by Humphrey. Approved unanimously. The Charter Commission was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Bonnie C. Jackelen, Chief Clerk - County Board