



City of Saint Paul

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Minutes - Final

Charter Commission

Chair Richard Kramer
Vice-Chair Deborah Montgomery
Commissioner Brian Alton
Commissioner Kathi Donnelly-Cohen
Commissioner Bridget Faricy
Commissioner Amy Filice
Commissioner George E. Johnson
Commissioner John Paul Kirr
Commissioner Joyce Maddox
Commissioner David Maeda
Commissioner Gladys P. Morton
Commissioner Virginia Rybin
Commissioner Rick Varco
Commissioner Carrie J. Wasley

Wednesday, December 27, 2017

4:30 PM

Room 320 Conference Room, City Hall

1 ROLL CALL

Chair Richard Kramer called the meeting to call to order: 4:45

ROLL CALL

Sign in sheet:

Chair Richard Kramer- Present

Vice-Chair Deborah Montgomery - excused

Commissioner Brian Alton - absent

Commissioner Kathy Donnelly-Cohen - present

Commissioner Bridget Faricy - absent

Commissioner Amy Filice - excused

Commissioner George E. Johnson - present

Commissioner John Paul Kirr - excused

Commissioner Joyce Maddox - present

Commissioner David Maeda - present

Commissioner Gladys P. Morton - excused

Commissioner Virginia Rybin - present

Commissioner Rick Varco - present

Commissioner Carrie J. Wasley - present

Other Attendees: None

2 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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*-Insert under NEW BUSINESS discussion of meeting date for 2018 being Tuesday,
December 4, 2018*

Approved

Approval of the agenda moved by Commissioner Donnelly-Cohen

Adopted by unanimous vote

3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES*APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES*

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve minutes of December 27, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Varco

Discussion of minutes

Commissioner Maeda indicated that his name is misspelled on the bottom of page 4

Adopted with amendment by unanimous vote

[CCI 17-7](#)

Approving the minutes of the December 27, 2016 Charter Commission meeting.

Attachments: [12-27-16 Charter Commission Meeting Minutes](#)

4 CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

5 Election of 2018 Officers*ELECTION OF 2018 CHARTER COMMISSION OFFICERS*

Open nominations for position of chair of the St. Paul Charter Commission, which is currently Rich Kramer

Commissioner Johnson Nominated Commissioner Kramer to serve as chair

Commissioner Wasley seconded

No other nominations

Move unanimous ballot

Adopted by unanimous vote

Open nominations for position of Vice Chair of the St. Paul Charter Commission which is currently Commissioner Montgomery

Commissioner Kathi Donnelly-Cohen moves to nominate Deborah Montgomery as Vice Chair

No other nominations

White Ballot nomination is in order

Johnson moves unanimous ballot

Varco seconded

Adopted by unanimous vote

Open nominations for position of Secretary of the St. Paul Charter Commission, which is currently Virginia Rybin

Commissioner Johnson moves to nominates Virginia Rybin to serve as Secretary

Seconded by Commissioner Donnelly-Cohen

No other nominations

Adopted by unanimous vote

6 REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE*REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE*

Charter Review Committee did meet twice in 2018; Chair Kramer never received a report from those meetings.

Passed a motion to refer an issue to the full charter Commission, but the chair of that committee is absent, we have no report, so will defer action on that committee's work

The communications Committee did not meet in 2018

For future standing committees we will continue using the same membership for future, Commissioners should let Chair Kramer know if they would like to be on a committee.

A future item of business item is that the standing rules do not speak about how members get on a committee. Members are currently appointed by the chair. Standing rules will need to be reviewed to correct that and a few other items. Chair Kramer will probably ask the Charter Review Committee to do that.

We do try to avoid having a majority of the Charter Commission serving on one the standing committees, so we don't create a quorum by accident.

7 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

8 NEW BUSINESS*NEW BUSINESS*

2017 Annual Report a resolution is prepared by the City Attorney staff. He has never seen an annual report of the Charter Commission. It has come to our attention that the statute that creates the Charter Commission, an annual report should be submitted to the district court, which also has never asked for them.

- Distributed resolution submitting an annual report to members to see what the report would consist of for 2017. In future years will send a copy in advance.

Report for 2017 will consist of items indicated in resolution:

No further discussion on resolution

Resolution unanimously adopted

9 OTHER BUSINESS

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Set for Tuesday, December 4, 2018 AT 4:30 PM

Moved by Maddox, seconded by Donnelly-Cohen

No discussion on the meeting date

If there is other business to conduct in 2018 that we are able to conclude before that, this meeting will be canceled if another meeting is rescheduled

10 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Be sure building is open for future meetings – building closes at 4:30

11 ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn

Donnelly-Cohen moved adjournment, Medea seconded

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM

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