

Minneapolis Charter Commission Minutes

March 2, 2016 - 4:00 p.m.

Room 317 City Hall, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Members Present: Commissioners Barry Clegg (Chair), Dan Cohen, Jill Garcia, DJ Heinle, Andrew Kozak, Barbara Lickness, Jana Metge, Toni Newborn, Jeffrey Peltola, Matt Perry, Andrea Rubenstein, Lyall Schwarzkopf

Members Absent: Commissioners Todd Ferrara, Jan Sandberg, Aaron Street

1. Roll Call

Chair Clegg called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

2. Adopt Agenda

On motion, seconded, the agenda was adopted.

3. Approve minutes of regular meeting of [February 3, 2016](#)

On motion, seconded, the minutes were approved.

4. Chair's Report

An update on the Board of Estimate & Taxation composition was not available, but further information will be brought forward as it becomes available. The matter of a possible Charter amendment revising supermajority approval thresholds for certain actions by the Board of Estimate and Taxation is scheduled for presentation to the Minneapolis Committee of the Whole at their March 30, 2016, meeting.

Discussion

5. 2016 Minneapolis neighborhood park referendum

A presentation was given by Park Board President Liz Wielinski and Park Board Superintendent Jayne Miller on the Park Board's "Closing the Gap" referendum.

[MPRB Memorandum](#)

Feb. 17 Park Board meeting video: <http://v.qwikcast.tv/view.aspx?q=22X6Q>

[MPRB Presentation](#)

On motion, seconded and approved, at least two public hearings will be scheduled, with a date/time/location to be determined.

6. Role/Purpose of Charter Commission

Continuation of prior discussion on the role and purpose of the Charter Commission in public outreach.

On motion, seconded, the item was postponed to the April 6, 2016, Charter Commission meeting.

Public Commentary

There was no one wishing to speak.

On motion, seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Absent: Commissioners Ferrara, Sandberg, and Street

Submitted by Diana Armstrong, Charter Commission Coordinator