

Brooklyn Park Charter Commission Minutes

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

7:30 p.m. Brooklyn Township Conference Room

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Dwight Cox called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members present were: Christopher Bohler; Arlene Breckenridge; Dwight Cox; Dennis Gunther; Marjorie Lindberg; and Anthony Mills

Absent: Lona Schreiber (excused); Council Liaison Steve Lampi (excused)

Also in attendance: Staff Liaison Devin Montero

2. Additions/Approval of Agenda of April 8, 2009

Chair Dwight Cox stated he would like to add an agenda item to New Business relating to meeting dates for the summer. Motion Arlene Breckenridge and seconded by Marjorie Lindberg to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes of March 11, 2009

Motion Arlene Breckenridge and seconded by Anthony Mills to approve the distributed minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Old Business

4.1 City Manager's Population Report/Redistricting

Staff Liaison Montero briefed the Charter Commission with a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed redistricting of district boundaries.

Discussions were held on: Changes in population; moving polling places as result of changes in boundaries; Charter and Council members affected by the changes presented; building permits included in data; boundaries frozen January 1, 2010 as the result of the Census; legislative lines and precinct lines; legislative line changes; deviation percentages within standards; future growth in the Central and West districts; costs of redistricting; devils triangle project and approval of T.H. 610 project affecting growth in the districts; redistricting timetable; future development of the Central and West districts would stabilize the deviation difference with the East district

Motion Dennis Gunther and seconded by Arlene Breckenridge to not make any changes to the districts.

Commissioner Breckenridge asked if the Commission voted to not redistrict could the City Council come back and recommend redistricting. Staff Liaison Montero stated Council could

make a recommendation to the Charter Commission to reconsider redistricting as was done in 2006.

Other Discussions: Benefit of redistricting-equal representation, one person-one vote; reviewing the population data prior to the next City Manager's report in 2011.

Motion Marjorie Lindberg and seconded by Christopher Bohler to accept the previous motion with the added discussions. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff Liaison Montero stated that he would prepare a memo to the City Council on the Charter Commission's recommendation not to redistrict and would provide a copy of the presentation. He stated he would provide the following reasons for not recommending the redistricting:

- The current deviations were within the deviation standards
- The approval of additional development to T.H 610 would start development in the west district
- A short time line to redistrict-June 2009-deadline for changing boundaries and polling places; and January 1, 2010 boundaries were frozen due to the Census
- Costs associated with the change in boundaries and polling places
- 2010 Census would cause another realignment due to the legislative redistricting
- The previous deviations have been improving since the last redistricting attempt in 2005/2006

4.2 Review of Chapter 3

Commissioners reviewed each section of Chapter 3 and had discussions, comments and proposed changes.

Section 3.01 No changes recommended.

Section 3.02 No changes recommended.

Section 3.03 No changes recommended.

Section 3.04 Staff Liaison Montero stated that part of the heading to Section 3.04 needed to be corrected ("Motions" was in a smaller font). He stated he would correct it with the next update of the charter.

Section 3.05 No changes recommended.

Section 3.06 Discussions were held on types of an emergency ordinance and a clarification was requested from the City Attorney of Section 3.06.

Section 3.07 No changes recommended.

Section 3.08 No changes recommended.

Section 3.09 No changes recommended.

Section 3.10 No changes recommended.

Section 3.11 Discussions were held on adding “including electronic format” to this section.

Motion Arlene Breckenridge and seconded by Anthony Mills to approve the current reading of Chapter 3 except for the recommended changes to Section 3.11 and clarification provided of Section 3.06. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees.

Chair Cox reported that he gave the annual report to the City Council and the public hearing and first reading of an ordinance amending Chapters 1 and 2 was held on April 6, 2009.

6. New Business

6.1 Summer Meeting Dates

Discussions were held on canceling the summer meeting dates unless the Council called the commission to discuss the population report.

Motion Arlene Breckenridge and seconded by Marjorie Lindberg to cancel the meetings for June, July and August unless called by the City Council to discuss the population report. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Cox also stated the Charter Commission would not be meeting on November 11 due to the holiday.

7. Correspondence/Communications.

8. Adjournment

Motion Marjorie Lindberg and seconded by Anthony Mills to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Devin Montero, Staff Liaison