

City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: DECEMER 17, 2019

FROM:

JACK B. CLARKE, JR., CHAIR

WARDS: ALL

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE - INTERIM REPORT

ISSUE:

Receive interim report from 2018/2019 Charter Review Committee on general topics and timeline.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receive and order filed the interim report of the Charter Review Committee.

BACKGROUND:

The fifteen members and two alternates appointed by the Mayor and City Council to serve as the 2018/2019 Charter Review Committee first convened on January 16, 2019. The Committee selected Jack B. Clarke, Jr., as Chair and Marcia McQuern as Vice-Chair and set the second Monday of the month at 5 p.m. as a regular meeting date and time. All meetings are live streamed on RiversideTV and the public is encouraged to attend and offer comments on the City Charter.

The Committee reviewed the scope of work delegated to them by the Mayor and City Council and the review process undertaken in 2011/2012. The attached workplan was adopted on February 11, 2019, and includes interviews with the Mayor and Members of the City Council, Charter Officers, and Department Heads, as needed, and community forums held throughout the City. Three community forums have been held at Bobby Bonds Park, La Sierra Senior Center, Orange Terrace Community Center with two more planned for Hunt Park and Riverside Municipal Airport. The Committee welcomes public comment at the beginning and then again at the end of each meeting as well as for each individual discussion item.

Ideas for potential Charter amendments as suggested by Charter Review Committee members, elected officials, staff, and the public have undergone substantive discussion with conceptual recommendations formed on some for a final review before forwarding to the City Council for consideration of ballot measures. Although much work has been accomplished, several ideas remain to be vetted by the Committee in the coming months. The attached logs of ideas and listing of conceptual recommendations are attached for information only and have not been finalized. In light of the numerous ideas presented, the Committee's awareness of voter fatigue

potential will be weighed with the urgency of measures in preparation of final recommendations to the City Council.

The strong attendance record of all Members has resulted in the sharing of information and robust discussion. Copies of all historical versions of the Charter have been provided as well as other informational materials as requested by the Committee.

The Committee remains on track to present its recommendations on proposed Charter amendments to the Mayor and City Council on April 13, 2020, for City Council action and scheduling of an election for November 3, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachments:

Charter Review Committee Roster

Workplan

Community Forums - English Community Forums - Spanish

Ideas Log - Charter Review Committee and City staff

Ideas Log - Members of the Public

Conceptual Approval List of Recommendations