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CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
July 14, 2008
City Conference Room 5A
11:00 – 12:00

Present:

City Council

Al French – Chair
Steve Corker
Michael Allen

Administration:

Dorothy Webster
Leroy Eadie

Citizens

Hal Ellis – CA
Mike Dalessi
Sherrie Bryant
Joe Albert
Greg Sweeney

Staff:

Mike Piccolo
Karen Corkins
Todd Babcock

Visitors:

Glen Kibbey

Absent:

Administration:

Ted Danek

Minutes from 6/16/08 meeting were adopted.

Introduction of committee members were made.

Discussion of Website occurred. Some changes need to be made on the home page: Identify District for Council members, Add new members and their assignments. It was brought up that we should look into getting a shared folder that every member can access in order to keep up on citizen input and to cut down on one person being responsible for sending out citizen input.

Next, Todd discussed and gave background on the spread sheet and timeline. It was brought up that the cost of putting an item on the ballot can be as high as \$200,000. This cost may be shared with other entities. Steve Corker mentioned that in November of 2000, the city put 6 or 8 items on the ballot and he believed they passed by 80%. It was decided by the committee that we are not ready to meet the August deadline for a November '08 ballot measure.

Mike Piccolo said that each change takes a separate proposition. He is looking into the idea of putting all of the general housekeeping items on one proposition, but the more significant / controversial items must be separate.

It was decided that each subcommittee is to organize their items into either housekeeping or more substantive issues to be presented at the full committee at its next meeting on August 11th.

There was discussion on what other city propositions are going to be on future ballots such as from fire, public safety, or school districts.

The committee decided to shoot for August or November of 2009 unless there is a special election in the city on a spring ballot.

It was decided by the committee that we will not meet as a committee on July 28th. The next meeting will be on August 11th. The subcommittees will meet between now and then in order to inventory their lists of issues and categorize them into general housekeeping or more substantive issues. The subcommittees shall bring their lists to the August 11th meeting. Conference room 5a will be reserved on July 28th from 11:00 -12:00 if a subcommittee would like to use it.

There are three groups that have expressed interest in the Charter Review:
Greater Spokane Inc – Mike Dalessi will talk to them about their ideas
Community Assembly
Envision Spokane
Discussion about informing or inviting these specific groups to public hearings occurred.

The suggestion was made to contact Comcast when we need to have a PSA made in order to inform the public about proposed ballot language.

Review of Subcommittees:

Legislative: Steve Corker, Greg Sweeney, Dorothy Webster, Sherrie Bryant

Administrative: Michael Allen, Joe Albert, Ted Danek, Hal Ellis

Boards/Commissions: Al French, Mike Dalessi, Leroy Eadie

Important dates:

July 28th – Meeting Cancelled

August 11 – Next Committee Meeting

Sub committees bring prioritized lists with them