CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION (CRC)

July 10, 2024 - 8:00 a.m.

County Office Building – Capital Crescent Conference Room 100 Maryland Avenue, 4th Floor Rockville, MD 20850 Minutes

Staff Present:
Christine Wellons, Office of the County Council
Stephen Mathany, Office of the County Council
Lisa Brennan, Office of the County Attorney
(Virtual)

Commission Chair Jim Michaels called the meeting to order with a quorum at 8:01 a.m.

I. Administrative Items:

- a. Commissioner Nachtsheim moved approval of the agenda, second by Commissioner Naftal, adopted unanimously.
- b. Commissioner Lynch moved approval of the June 12, 2024 minutes as revised, second by Commissioner Nachtsheim.
 - i. Amend II(a)ii by removing the word "two".
 - ii. Amend Commissioner Nachtsheim's position in II(a)ii to "Support"
- c. Commissioners Grant and Samuels resigned since the previous meeting.
 - i. All three current vacancies are County Executive appointments.
 - ii. The County Executive has placed announcements for the vacancies.

II. Responses to the Commission's Report

- a. Two charter amendment resolutions were introduced at the July 9, 2024 Montgomery County Council session.
- b. Public hearings to be held on July 16, 2024 for these items.

III. Discussion of Community Outreach Meetings

- a. Dale Tibbets provided information regarding when the Citizen Advisory Boards are meeting in the fall.
- b. Hope to meet with each of the boards in October and November. Chair Michaels will reach out to ensure that they will each entertain the Charter Review Commission at the meetings.
- c. Develop ideas for next report by January 2025.
- d. The Charter Review Commission will aim to hold listening sessions on new topics in March 2025.
- e. The Charter Review Commission can explore issuing an earlier or interim report to the Council so that the Councilmembers have more than three weeks to consider the issues.

IV. Potential topics for next term

- a. Commissioner Nachtsheim recommends taking a unique approach to conflicting ballot questions by adding any conflicting questions into one ranked choice question.
- b. Commissioner Naftal suggests increasing the required budget reserve requirements.
- c. Likely to receive citizen's request to investigate mandating the Office of the People's Counsel.

Commissioner Nachtsheim motioned to adjourn, second by Commissioner Persh.

Meeting Adjourned AT 8:50 AM.