



Alachua County Charter Review Commission

Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2010

Commission Members

Robert Ackerman

Robert Brinkman

DJ Ferguson

Mitch Glaeser, Vice Chair

Armando R. Grundy-
Gomes

J. K. Irby, Chair

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John Martin

Bill Richards

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Rod Tuttle

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CRC Members Present: Robert Ackerman, Robert Brinkman, DJ Ferguson, Mitch Glaeser, Armando Grundy-Gomes, J.K. Irby, Joseph Little, Aubroncee Martin, John Martin, Bill Richards, James Stringfellow, Rod Tuttle, Ashley Wood

CRC Members Absent: Guy York

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of November 16, 2009.

Jim Stringfellow moved that the November 16, 2009 minutes be accepted as presented. DJ Ferguson recommended a grammatical correction that was agreed to without objection. The motion to approve the minutes was agreed to.

2. Update on list of charter amendment proposal received

Staff distributed agenda packets along with an addendum of recently received proposals.

3. Introduction of Sarah Bleakley, Legal Counsel to the CRC

Attorney Sarah Bleakley was introduced to the commission by the chair.

4. Review of Sunshine Law

Attorney Bleakley reviewed with the commission the legal requirements of the state's public meeting law or Sunshine law. The attorney reminded the members of the importance of the law and of the consequences should there be a violation.

5. Discussion and review of proposals with legal counsel

Attorney Bleakley discussed her legal review of constitutional and statutory provisions with regard to county charters. She specifically reviewed with the CRC proposals addressing nonpartisan elections and Board of County Commission compensation. The commission discussed various charter elements with Attorney Bleakley.

Armando Grundy-Gomes moved that the attorney be requested to provide a legal review as to whether or not the Board of County Commissioners could be made Charter Officers thereby changing their status under the constitution and laws of Florida.

Robert Brinkman moved that the request include the five constitutional officers.

The amendment was not agreed to.

The main motion was not agreed to.

A general discussion followed regarding various proposals.

6. Consideration of proposals

Due to time restraints, the chair did not entertain motions regarding proposals and no proposals were voted on.

7. City visit schedule

The chair reviewed the schedule of city visits and the recommended talking points. The commission discussed the visits with input from Attorney Bleakley.

8. Distribution of 2010 calendar

The 2010 calendar was distributed in the agenda packets

9. Other Business

10. General Comments

The chair recognized citizens and three citizens addressed the CRC on various subjects.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m