Charter Commission
Bureau and Office Proposed Amendments Subcommittee
October 10, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Minutes

Attendance

Sub-Committee Commissioners Present					
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
David Chen	X		Hanna Osman	X	
Dave Galat	X		Andrew Speer	X	
David Knowles	X		Amira Streeter	X	
Non-subcommittee Commissioners Present					

Staff Present			
Diana Nunez	Julia Meier	Sofia Alvarez-Castro	Diana Shiplet

Welcome

Diana N. welcomed the group and provided Zoom logistics for the meeting.

Co-Chair Knowles provided an overview of the evening's agenda. Informed the group that the Proposed Amendment regarding business licenses will be back on a full commission agenda as there was confusion with the voting tally the last time it was brought to the full commission

Approval of minutes of September 8 September 27 meeting minutes. All Commissioners approved.

Independent Portland Elections Commission

Co-chair Knowles provided an overview of the proposal regarding the election commission.

Co-chair Chen outlined the edits he made to the language originally proposed by the Small Donor Elections. "Implementation of any other law or function related to elections, campaign finance, campaign and election ethics, or other related subjects if delegated to it by City Code with appropriate resources." Group discussed whether they need to include other areas for delegation of authorities, such as state law, the elections commission might be likely to handle. Group determined they would like the City Attorney to confirm the language proposed, including the additions by Co-chair Chen, covers all necessary delegations.

Co-chair Knowles raised concerns with, "election ethics" in the draft language, in that they don't want to open the door to a commission developing and enforcing its own set of ethics without any need for review by City Council.

Co-chair Knowles outlined information about how elections commissions are appointed in other cities. Group discussed whether having elected officials nominate and confirm a commission which monitors their elections is of concern. Co-chair Knowles raised concerns about a self-perpetuating group nominating their own members. Comm. Streeter stated she wants to ensure that the commission is able

to keep its independence, so has concerns with a Mayor or Council member, who must abide by the commission's rules during an election, also be the appointing body.

Comm. Speer proposed having the 12 city councilors each propose a candidate, which then will be narrowed down to 9 for appointment by the Council to the commission. Comm. Galat proposed having two commissioners nominated by each district, with the Mayor nominating the 9th member, all to be approved by Council. Comm. Streeter raised concerns with having the Mayor and Council involved in the nomination process at all.

Group discussed potential exclusions to commission membership. Diana N. provided an overview of language used in the state of California's independent districting commission and Colorado's independent congressional districting commission. Co-chair Chen stated he used these as the basis for drafting language, which the group reviewed. Group generally agreed to the proposed language. Comm. Galat stated he would also like to see a donor limit as part of the list of exclusions.

Group discussed whether any other city commission, committee, or board nominates their own members.

> *Recommend moving to the full commission the Independent Elections Commission scope of work as drafted, providing the full commission information on the discussion regarding nomination language and term limits, and the recommend exclusions list as drafted with the addition of considering a $2,000 limit on donations to a Portland election. Group all agreed to move the conversation to the full commission.*

Next Steps
Next full commission meeting will be October 3.

Meeting adjourned, 7:14 p.m.
Minutes respectfully submitted,
Diana Shiplet, Executive Assistant to the CAO and CFO

Meeting Chat
18:00:48 From Julia Meier (Staff) to Everyone:
brb
18:22:17 From Diana Nunez (Staff) to Susan and all panelists:
Hi Susan, thanks for being here. I will ask the commissioners to call you up if clarifications or if there are still questions at the full discussion point here shortly.
18:29:44 From Comm. Amira Streeter to Everyone:
BRB
18:31:35 From Comm. Amira Streeter to Everyone:
Back sorry
18:36:45 From Diana Shiplet (Staff) to Everyone:
Just as an FYI, the Police Accountability Commission is appointed by "The Mayor and commissioners may each submit an applicant who may be given preference over others of equivalent background and qualifications"
18:37:11 From Comm. Amira Streeter to Everyone:

^ thanks Diana
18:37:17 From Comm. Amira Streeter to Everyone:
That's super helpful!
18:38:34 From Diana Shiplet (Staff) to Everyone:
my copying failed - meant to link to the actual committee process
https://www.portland.gov/policies/public-safety/independent-police-review/psf-506-citizen-review-committee-crc-independent
18:59:23 From Susan to Hosts and panelists:
Small Donor Elections permits $250 in the primary and $250 in the general per donor. Candidates not I the program are limited to $500 (+ inflation) per donor. FYI.
19:00:01 From Comm. Amira Streeter to Everyone:
I'm willing to hang on
19:00:17 From Comm. Amira Streeter to Everyone:
My preference is to move something forward
19:01:12 From Comm. Hanna Osman to Everyone:
I can stay so we can reccommend to the full charter
19:11:17 From Comm. Amira Streeter to Everyone:
Also IEC doesn't have a bureau home, so we need to think about that