

CHARTER COMMISSION



Climate & Environmental Justice Subcommittee Meeting

August 9th, 2022



Agenda

Section	Time
Welcome & Subcommittee Business	10 min
Full Commission Meeting & Timeline Update	15 min
Review Desired Outcomes & Criteria for Phase II	5 min
Community Organizations Presentations	45 min
Review Work-to-Date	10 min
Climate & EJ Recommendation Discussion	30 min
Next Steps & Closing	5 min
Adjourn	

8.2.22 Subcommittee Report & Discussion

- Were the organizational submissions solicited or did they come in through public comment?
 - Organizations submitted through public comment, and all organizations who provided public comment were asked if they want to provide detailed recommendations
- Do the proposals re formation of a new bureau conflict or not with our phase I proposal?
- What is our criteria for analyzing input?
 - Practical timeline
 - Phase I outcomes
 - Identify policy proposals vs. structural proposals (leave policy for Council)
 - Things appropriate for charter (vs. legislative changes)
- What do we do with recommendations that do not require a charter change or are not prioritized by the Commission?
 - Refer recommendations to another body that is able to take on issue?
 - Document that memorializes which items we didn't take on – don't create anything complex
 - Proposals received, research undertaken, public comment summary
- Can we develop standard questions for community and bureaus providing input?

Commission Referral Timeline – May or November 2024

Subcommittee Develops Recommendations with Community and Stakeholder input	Sept. 2022
Subcommittee Presents Recommendations to the Full Commission for its Consideration	Early Oct. 2022
Commission Votes on Recommendation to Send to the City Attorney's Office for Charter Amendment Drafting	by Oct. 17th, 2022
Commission reviews City Attorney's Office drafts of any proposed charter amendments.	Late Oct./ Early Nov. 2022
Commission Releases any Proposed Charter Amendments; hold Public Hearings, Commission to Deliberate Based on Public Input.	After Nov. 8th, 2022
Final Vote of the Charter Commission to Recommend Amendments to the Voters	By Dec. 3rd 2022.
City of Portland Auditor's Office Tracks and Ensures Charter Recommended Amendments are on the 2024 ballot.	2023-2024

Council Referral Timeline – May 2023

Request Ballot Title from City Attorney	January 13, 2023
City Attorney's Office Completes Ballot Title	January 23, 2023
Last Possible Date to File Measure with Council Clerk	January 24, 2023
FIRST COUNCIL HEARING READING	February 1, 2023
SECOND COUNCIL HEARING READING	February 8, 2023
Start Date for Electors to File Challenge to Ballot Title Language in Court	February 8, 2023
Approximate Date City Elections Office Publishes Ballot Title in The Oregonian	February 9, 2023
Deadline for Electors to File Challenge to Ballot Title Language in Court	February 17, 2023
Sponsoring Bureau or Elected Official Submits Explanatory Statement to City Elections Office	March 15, 2023
Election Date	May 16, 2023
Date Measure Becomes Effective	June 14, 2023

Engagement Timeline

Date	Activity
August 30	Commission meeting
First ½ of Sept	Phase II progress report
First ½ of Sept	Community Listening sessions
Early October	Commission meeting w/ unlimited public comment
November	Progress report w/ drafted amendments
November	Public hearings & open public comment period
December	Final progress report

Criteria

** Red text is a result of the 8.2.22 Commission discussion*

- Is there **community momentum** to take on this topic, including topics that derived from phase I work?
 - *Is there conflict with our phase I proposal?*
- Does it advance one or more of our **desired outcomes**?
 - *A participatory and growing democracy with more voices being heard in elections*
 - *An accessible and transparent government with Councilors who are easy to reach*
 - *A reflective government with Councilors who look like the community they represent*
 - *A responsive government with Councilors who understand your community needs*
 - *An accountable government with Councilors who answer to the people*
 - *A trustworthy government with Councilors who safeguard democracy*
- Is it at the **right level for charter review**? Is there another body or group taking on this topic?
 - *Identify policy vs. structural proposals, and leave policy for Council*
- **Can we afford to wait** another 10 years to take on the topic?
- **Can we clearly communicate** why we choose the topic?
- Is there sufficient community, Commissioner and staff **capacity** to take on this topic or set of topics?
 - *Capacity includes timeline considerations*
- *What can we do with this recommendation short of charter amendment?*

Community Proposals

- **Portland Employees Act on Climate Emergency (PEACE)**
- **350PDX**
- **Sunrise Movement**

Work to Date Debrief

Other US Cities – Climate & Charter

Cities Researched

- Austin (City Commission)
- Baltimore (Code)
- Boston (None)
- Denver (Code)
- El Paso (None)
- Houston (Code)
- Las Vegas (None)
- Memphis (None)
- Nashville (None)
- Oklahoma City (None)
- Salt Lake City (Code)
- San Francisco (Code)
- Seattle (Code)

Climate Emergency in City Charters

- Detroit (Charter)
- Honolulu (Charter)
- New York (Charter)

Meeting with Bureau of Planning and Sustainability for an Overview of Climate Initiatives

Charter Commissioners met with BPS Director Donnie Oliveira and Andria Jacob, BPS Climate Program Manager to hear an overview of Climate & Environmental Justice City Initiatives.

- 2020 Climate Emergency Declaration
- Reviewed the Climate Emergency Workplan – Decarbonization priorities in the areas of:
 - Electric supply, Buildings, Transportation, Industry, Land Use, Embodied Carbon and Food
- Work plan strives towards goals of reducing carbon by 50% by 2030 and net zero by 2050
- Sustainability Commission for 2023

Climate Related Bureau Proposed Amendments

- **Bureau of Planning & Sustainability** - *Redline Chapter 1. Corporate Existence and Powers Article 1. Powers, Rights and Liabilities Section 1-108. Mandatory Weatherization for Existing Buildings Requires Vote of the People* to allow for BPS to have more flexibility in creating policy that would allow the City to meet its climate goals around energy efficiency.
- **Portland Parks and Recreation** – *Update Charter Section 12-101 Parks and Recreational Areas and Facilities. May 19, 1950, new sec. 9-605; rev. Nov. 8, 1966. to be reflective of how PPR currently approaches their work and focusing on the natural built environment and ecosystems-based solutions.*
- **Bureau of Environmental Services** —
 - *Update and revise Charter Section 2-105, Continuation of Specific Powers, was first established in 1913 and has been modified multiple times, most recently in 2012. Charter Section 11-301, Sewage Disposal was established in 1938, and was last updated in 1966. to be reflective of how PPR is doing their work differently specifically around green and natural infrastructure.*

Discussion Questions

- **What is appropriate to include in the charter?**
- **What is not being done at the City that you want to consider for a recommendation?**
- **Is there an example that another city is doing that you would want to consider?**
- **Are there any proposals from the community organizations that you want to discuss further or get more information about?**
- **Do you want consider recommending the climate related bureau proposed amendments to the full commission?**



Next Steps

Expansion of voting rights subcommittee meeting	Aug 16
Bureau & office proposals subcommittee meeting	Aug 18
Climate & environmental justice subcommittee meeting	Aug 23
Charter Commission meeting	Aug 30
Community listening sessions	Early Sept
