



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Charter Review Committee

07/18/2019

6:00 PM

City Hall - Council Chambers
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

City Clerk Haggag called the Charter Review Committee meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present 7 - Member Benjamin Cooley, Member Steven Silva, Member Christine Koltermann, Member Katherine Almazol, Member Sudhanshu Jain, Member Stephen Ricossa, and Member Richard Bonito

2. Public Presentations

None.

3. Review of the Brown Act

City Attorney Doyle gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the Brown Act.

4. Selection of Chair/Vice-Chair

City Clerk Haggag led the group through the process. Committee members nominated a fellow member for Chair and then the Committee voted. **City Clerk Haggag** also explained that the Chair's role is to run the meetings and the Vice-Chair would do the same in the absence of the Chair.

Committee members nominated Member Jain, Member Bonito and Member Ricossa for Chair. Each person accepted the nomination and gave a brief summary of why they should be Chair.

In the initial vote:

Member Jain received 3 votes
Member Silva received 3 votes
Member Ricossa received 1 vote

In the second vote:

Member Jain received 4 votes
Member Silva received 3 votes

Member Jain nominated Member Silva as Vice-Chair.

A motion was made by Member Koltermann seconded by Member Bonito, to approve Member Jain as Chair and Member Silva as Vice-Chair.

Aye: 7 - Member Cooley, Member Silva, Member Koltermann, Member Almazol, Member Jain, Member Ricossa, and Member Bonito

5. Background and Roles & Responsibilities

Member Jain took over as Chair of the meeting and **Member Silva** as Vice-Chair of the meeting.

[19-810](#) Implementation of Voter Approved Measure N Relating to District Elections

Recommendation: Staff has no recommendation on this item.

City Clerk Haggag reviewed the background on district based elections including the court order then reviewed the limited cope of this Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to solicit input outlined in Measure N. **City Clerk Haggag** also emphasized the Committee's role is not to draw district boundaries, but to strictly focus on how many districts and how many council members.

Public Speaker(s): Public Speakers (5)

6. Discussion and Action on Outreach and Meeting Dates

[19-868](#) Discussion and Action on Outreach and Meeting Dates

Recommendation: Alternative 1:
Approve the 3 dates and locations as outlined above; noting that the Saturday option and others may be added as needed and subject to room availability.

Chair Jain led the group in a discussion about outreach. It was noted that the locations of the meetings should be moved. Discussion occurred about meeting dates, possibly additional meeting dates and other events the Committee could attend to solicit input. **Vice-Chair Silva** asked Staff if a table at the Art & Wine festival is possible. **Assistant to the City Manager Sahid** stated that she would inquire about the possibility of having a table at the event.

The Committee took individual votes on each meeting date, location and time.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Silva, seconded by Member Ricossa, to approve August 15, 2019 at the Central Park Library.

Aye: 7 - Member Cooley, Vice-Chair Silva, Member Koltermann, Member Almazol, Chair Jain, Member Ricossa, and Member Bonito

A motion was made by Member Cooley, seconded by Member Almazol, to approve September 26, 2019 at the Mission Branch Library.

Aye: 7 - Member Cooley, Vice-Chair Silva, Member Koltermann, Member Almazol, Chair Jain, Member Ricossa, and Member Bonito

Member Ricossa asked if meeting times should be included in the motion. **Deputy City Attorney Fazely** answered yes.

The Committee then voted on meeting times for the first two meetings.

A motion was made by Member Ricossa, seconded by Member Almazol, to approve September 26, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Aye: 7 - Member Cooley, Vice-Chair Silva, Member Koltermann, Member Almazol, Chair Jain, Member Ricossa, and Member Bonito

A motion was made by Member Almazol, seconded by Member Koltermann, to approve August 15, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

Aye: 7 - Member Cooley, Vice-Chair Silva, Member Koltermann, Member Almazol, Chair Jain, Member Ricossa, and Member Bonito

A motion was made by Member Koltermann, seconded by Member Ricossa, to approve October 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Northside Branch Library.

Aye: 7 - Member Cooley, Vice-Chair Silva, Member Koltermann, Member Almazol, Chair Jain, Member Ricossa, and Member Bonito

A motion was made by Member Almazol, seconded by Member Koltermann, to approve September 21, 2019 from 12:00 - 2:00 PM at Northside Branch Library.

Aye: 7 - Member Cooley, Vice-Chair Silva, Member Koltermann, Member Almazol, Chair Jain, Member Ricossa, and Member Bonito

Public Speaker(s): Public Speakers: 2

7. Public Hearing to Receive Input on District Elections

Deputy City Attorney Fazely noted that this item was incorrectly labeled "Public Hearing to Receive Input on District Boundaries." The agenda should have read "Public Hearing to Receive Input on District Elections."

This item has been updated to reflect the correct title.

Public Speaker(s):

Public Speaker 1 noted that the court order is only good through 2020. Any changes recommended by this Committee won't take effect until 2020. If anything like Ranked Choice Voting is considered, it should be part of a separate Charter amendment.

Public Speaker 2 supports six districts and likes having people from their neighborhood represent them.

Public Speaker 3 supports six districts.

Public Speaker 4 suggested that any outreach flyers be translated to help encourage participation.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made Chair Jain, seconded by Vice-Chair Silva, to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM.

Aye: 7 - Member Cooley, Vice-Chair Silva, Member Koltermann, Member Almazol, Chair Jain, Member Ricossa, and Member Bonito