BASTROP CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
NOVEMBER 30, 2009

The Bastrop Charter Review Committee met on Monday, November 30, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bastrop City Hall Council Chambers, 904 Main Street. Members present were Chairman Ken Kesselus, Jeff Yarbrough, Debbie Moore, Lisa Tantaksinanukij, Camilo R. Chavez III, Karen Pinard, Brandi Smith, Willie DeLaRosa and Reverend R. D. Smith.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.

At 7:10 p.m., Chairman Ken Kesselus called the meeting to order with all members present City Secretary, Teresa Valdez conducted a silent roll call.

2. INFORMATION ABOUT OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

Mr. Kesselus stated the Committee would work under the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Kesselus distributed information from City Attorney, J.C. Brown regarding meetings. Mr. Kesselus stated the Committee cannot do anything related to a task unless it is posted on an Agenda for the meeting.

3. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS - SHARING OF PERSONAL STORIES.

Each member of the Committee introduced themselves and gave a little personal information about themselves and why they were interested in serving on the Charter Review Committee.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON POTENTIAL PROCESS(ES) FOR THE WORK OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE.

Mr. Kesselus stated the process is not to produce amendments to the Charter, but the process is to do a 50 thousand mile checkup. Mr. Kesselus stated the City of Bastrop is quite different now (2009) from the City it was when the Charter was adopted in 2002. Mr. Kesselus stated the Committee will listen to citizen input, deliberate and try to reach consensus on items proposed for amendment. Mr. Kesselus stated if a consensus cannot be reached the Committee will work by majority rule and under Robert's Rules of Order.

Discussion was held among the Committee.

5. DISCUSSION OF CHARTER AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR CHANGING THE CHARTER.

Mr. Kesselus distributed a one page summary on Charter Revisions he had received from the Texas Municipal League Department.

Discussion was held among the Committee for the process they will follow for the meetings.

It was the consensus of the Committee that the next meeting will be a Committee Workshop meeting where the Committee will brainstorm and receive citizen input on items that may be possible Charter amendments.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS REGARDING SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE CHARTER REVIEW AGENDA POSTINGS. (NO DISCUSSION OR ACTION BY COMMITTEE)

Mr. Kesselus stated citizen comments will be received at the next Charter Committee Workshop.

Discussion was held among the Committee in regard to the Open Meetings Act that citizens can voice concerns and comments but the Committee will not be able to address the concerns and comments until they are posted for discussion at future Committee meeting.

7. DISCUSSION OF THE CHARTER AND ASPECTS THAT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED FOR CHANGE.

Mr. Kesselus asked that everyone read and review the City's Charter before the next scheduled meeting.

This will be brainstormed at the next Committee Workshop meeting.

It was the consensus of Council to post for the next Committee meeting: 1) Attendance ground rules; 2) Conversation about changes in Bastrop; 3) Workshop Session – Brainstorming.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF FUTURE MEETING DATES.

It was the consensus of the Committee to meet on Monday, January 25, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bastrop City Hall Council Chambers.

9. ADJOURNMENT.

At 8:42 p.m., Reverend R.D. Smith moved to adjourn. Seconded by Debbie Moore and carried unanimously.

APPROVED: ATTEST:

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Ken Kesselus, Chairman Teresa Valdez, City Secretary