

Minutes from Town Hall/Outreach Meeting 4/10/25

Submitted by Commissioner Holy on 4/11/25

Attendees: Commissioner Stoffer, Commissioner Holy, Commissioner Morris,
Commissioner Cameron, Commissioner Benedict (Guest)
Online: Jenn Puff and Bonnie Bliss-Boenish, Commissioner Richards

Call to Order – 2:30 pm

Review the agenda – Commissioner Stoffer

- 1) Look at survey questions
- 2) Prepare appropriate issues to make a motion on Monday
- 3) Morris – We should prioritize our top 10 issues first
- 4) Holy – Agreed, we should take commissioners' top 10 list and see how public input matches
- 5) Stoffer – Christy and I put together the questions, and then they went to all commissioners for their input, C. Benedict has been invited to this meeting to give comment. What can we move off this list to make a motion? We all took notes at each town hall, and we received a lot of feedback from public comment. We have enough input to go forward with the survey.
- 6) Morris – How is coroner language going to float in there?
- 7) Cameron – is going to give a petition with all the whereases to the commissioners. They will recommend pulling out the coroner language from the Charter. Most input agreed that it should be an appointed position, and this way, the commissioners would be expected to appoint a coroner. He will present at Monday's meeting.
- 8) Benedict – recommends the survey should remove references about coroner from the Charter, so BOCC can deal with this issue.
- 9) Holy – Can we pare down the list of questions to our top 10 priorities, including public input?
- 10) Morris – Can we get the priorities list first? Can Christy create a top 10 list?
- 11) Stoffer – Everyone has the questions doc. We can take questions and go down the list.
- 12) Cameron – Agreed – go down the list and go through the questions

Review of questions to see if they will stay on the survey, be removed, or be moved on as a motion to address.

- #1 – keep – use Richards rewrites
- #2- remove – Cameron will put forward on Monday
- #3 – NGO's – keep
- #4 – remove
- Morris – we need to take the language down to 8th grade level
- #5- keep – Cameron and Morris will rewrite
- #6 – remove

#7- Discussion around questions that come up when county becomes the leading agency and then contracts with other entities. Richards brought up Humane Society as an example. NGOs are performing a

public function. Debate ensued. Decided to leave as is for now and rewrite with Ron Richards' input.

#8 – remove and forward to commission for the ballot

#9 – remove – not appropriate to be on the Charter

#10- keep – use Ron Richards' input in red

#11 – keep – use Richards' input

#12- remove

#13 – keep – add 3, 5, and 10 years

#14- remove

#15 – remove

#16 – remove

#17 – remove and forward for an amendment if someone wants to write it up – suggestion Richards

#18 – keep – use Morris's language – Should the Charter consider RCV

#19 – remove

#20 – remove – does not state the law accurately

#21 – remove

Review of actions for Monday

1. At the April 14th meeting, Stoffer will brief everyone on the # of Townhalls, # of people that attended, and explain how we pared the list down to 7 questions
*Out of 21 questions, 7 were kept, 11 were removed because they were either not Charter-worthy, were not factually correct, or were too complicated to pare down to a single question

Of the remaining 3 questions, 1) Coroner will be addressed on Monday by Cameron, 2) DCD elected/appointed – removed and will be forwarded to commissioners to consider for the ballot, 3) the question about non-government organizations – shall be forwarded to the BOCC

Other Public Input that is not represented here?

1. Holy – Recommend to the BOCC that the public would like to participate in recurring Town Halls with commissioners
2. All – How do we get the message out that folks do not know who to call? Or do not understand the different jurisdictions handling things.

Work on remaining 7 questions

#1 – Cameron, Morris, and Richards changed language

#5 – Cameron and Morris changed language

#7 – more discussion – do not know how we can word the question

Action – Morris moved to remove this question from the survey and forward to the BOCC. Holy seconded. Motion carried.

Actions going forward

1. Holy will forward the MS Word doc with the 7 questions and rewrites that Morris and Cameron made to Morris
2. Stoffer – will prep for Monday's meeting – review the stats, make a motion to place 1 on the ballot, 2nd motion to go to the BOCC for action, get approval on all survey questions
3. Distribution – Per Morris, we need to produce our distribution plan – survey monkey, get paper copies to libraries and other venues
4. Schedule a Forks Town Hall – Holy will follow up

Adjournment – 5:03 pm