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Minutes – Draft

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Task Force on Structure of City Government Boards, Commissions and Committees Subcommittee

Friday, February 8, 2019

2:00 p.m.

City-County Building, Room GR-27
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

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1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Meeting Called to Order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Rothschild, Castañeda, Kemble

Absent: Northrop

Also Present: Brenda Konkell, Karl Van Lith, Karen Kapusata-Pofahl, Alder Keith Furman, Nick Zavos and John Strange

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Kemble, second by Rothschild to approve minutes from the February 5, 2019 meeting.
Motion approved on a voice vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments. Motion by Kemble, seconded by Rothschild to suppress the rules to stand informally to allow for public discussion and engagement of the public. Motion approved on a voice vote.

Staff and the public participated freely throughout the meeting.

4. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals from the members present.

5. DISCUSSION ON OPTIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

The subcommittee continued its discussion of options for appointment of members of BCCs and noted the various alternatives it wishes to include in the Subcommittee's report to the Task Force.

- a. Option 1
 - i. Mayor appoints all resident BCC members.
 - ii. CCEC appoints all alder BCC members.
- b. Option 2
 - i. CCEC appoints all members to policy-related BCCs.
 - ii. Mayor appoints all members to administration-related BCCs.
- c. Option 3
 - i. Mayor continues to appoint all members but ordinance changes are made to give the CCEC a right of refusal of the mayor's appointees.
 - ii. CCEC appoints all members but ordinance changes are made to give the Mayor a right of refusal of the CCEC's appointees.
 - iii. Create a hybrid system like this where, perhaps, the CCEC selects members for the "mother committees" and the mayor has right of refusal.

The Subcommittee then posed a series of questions related to the potential impacts of changing the structure of the BCCs.

- a. Will change in appointment powers impact diversity of members? Maybe.
- b. Will change in appointment powers impact training of chairs and members? No.
- c. Will change in appointment powers address large number of BCC vacancies? Maybe.
- d. Will change in appointment powers make an impact of overall relevance and redundancy of some BCCs? No.

The Subcommittee noted that a number of the issues raised by the preceding questions could be addressed by a possible Office on Resident Engagement and Neighborhood Support (ORENS).

Finally, the subcommittee noted that it has not addressed one issue = whether alders should be able to chair BCCs.

6. DISCUSSION REGARDING STAFF ENGAGEMENT

The subcommittee next discussed how to engage City staff to get staffs' input on the current BCC structure. Due to confidentiality concerns, the subcommittee determined that it would be best to start with a general survey of city staff similar to how the Task Force gained input from past government officials. It instructed city staff to work with the chair of the subcommittee on developing such a survey.

7. DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULE FOR PREPARATION OF SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT TO THE TASK FORCE

The subcommittee discussed that staff in the City Attorney's Office should write the report to the full task force and that the subcommittee should meet at least one additional time prior to March 12 to review the report and provide feedback.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rothschild, second by Kemble, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.