MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS 2014 CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
Tuesday, August 19, 2014

Call to Order:
Meeting called to order by Chairman Andy Gardner at 6:32 p.m.

Roll Call:
Members Present:

Dr. Stephen Atkins, Chairman Andy Gardner, Mrs. Joyce Grady, Mr. C. J. Latsa, Mrs. Judy Shrefler, Mrs. Sandy Taddeo, Mrs. Tanya Taylor-Draper, Vice Chairman Jim Walsh and Mr. Jerry Wolanin

Members Absent:

None

All nine members are present at Roll Call – recognized as quorum.

Approval of Charter Review Commission minutes of 08/18/14:

Motion made by Mrs. Joyce Grady to approve the minutes of 8/18/14, seconded by Mrs. Judy Shrefler.
VOTE: 8 AYES, 1 abstention (Mr. C.J. Latsa) MOTION PASSES.

Public Portion:
Public Portion opened at 6:34 p.m.

The following individuals spoke:

1. **Councilman John Plecnik, 2890 Bishop Road, Willoughby Hills, OH 44092**
   Councilman Plecnik stated he was glad that the CRC has respect for our Charter and told the CRC that they made "the only right decision" (regarding not putting any items on the upcoming ballot). He thanked them for their service.

Public Portion closed at 6:35 p.m.

Old Business:

Chairman Andy Gardner said he would like to discuss the CRC's next steps for future meetings (through November 3) and asked for input from the group:

Mrs. Joyce Grady – Would like to work on the Civil Service section to try to put that into the Charter to assist with the safety of our community.

Mrs. Judy Shrefler – Would like to continue research with the OH Ethics Commission documents and a class on ethics.

Mrs. Tanya Taylor-Draper – Expressed interest in taking the Ohio Ethics Class

Dr. Stephen Atkins – Stated we need to look through all of the information, put something on paper; get Article IX straightened out and address Civil Service. Also, re-review Andy's worksheet – get it on paper for Article IX.

Mrs. Sandy Taddeo – Wants to continue Article IX research and look at Civil Service; "fine tune Article IX and keep in going".

Mr. Jerry Wolanin – "Article IX is important and I do not want to abandon it."

Mr. C.J. Latsa – Had consensus with others concerning Article IX – "bring closure to it."

Chairman Andy Gardner – Has thoughts consistent with the group; really take the time we would be meeting to go through all of the resources we have and call Law Director Lobe if you are missing something. Take the recommendations we have worked on as a group, use as a framework, then fine tune it. He is "all for" tackling the Civil Service issue too. He suggested pulling out the worksheet again for "1's" and see what the most important issues are.

Vice Chairman Jim Walsh – Wants to summarize what we have learned so far and present it to the group. On second thought, would like to complete Article IX and then Civil Service. "Put bow on work that has not been completed."

Dr. Stephen Atkins added that "we need to prove that we can write something."

Mrs. Judy Shrefler pointed out that on the worksheet, there were some items that were discussed, but had the consensus not to "move on them" and that should be included in the summary when the CRC completes their task.

Old Business closed.

New Business:

Chairman Andy Gardner said he reported to Mayor and Council Clerk Savage that there would be no issues for the 2014 ballot in November. He asked Council Clerk to check with Council President Somich about making a report on behalf of the CRC at the first Council meeting after recess. He indicated all CRC members are welcome to attend as well.

Vice Chairman Jim Walsh stated that he previously mentioned that he was disappointed not so see more Council members in attendance at the CRC meetings. He said he would now like to "withdraw those comments when he criticized those individuals." He said that he now believes that "those who come, come for good reason and those who do not come, do not come for good reason." He also asked about the possibility of perhaps bringing a lap top to future meetings, perhaps to help with the wordsmithing as CRC works to "put something on paper." Chairman Andy Gardner agreed that it might be helpful and offered to bring it, as well as providing drafts of the individual group's work at the next meeting.

Public Portion #2

Public Portion #2 was opened at 6:52 p.m. and the following resident spoke:

1) **Ms. Linda Fulton, 2990 Marcum Blvd., Willoughby Hills, OH 44092**
   Ms. Fulton stated that she thought it was a good idea "not to put anything on the ballot." She further suggested that it may be a good idea to review the Charter sequentially to avoid having to "undo" something. She was concerned that "Eight members to not put anything on the ballot this year, however, "Mrs. Grady said something different at the Lake County Board of Elections."

Mayor Weger then took the opportunity to thank the CRC for its efforts. He said that he believes the CRC received "a lot of valuable things that can be used next year." Mayor Weger further stated that it was his intention to reappoint each member after January 1, 2015, and ask Council to confirm his appointments so CRC can finish their job. He spoke about his concerns about having a "degree of the violation or crime" as it affects "Removal from Office." He felt they now have some well-thought out material for the next time. In closing, the Mayor presented each member with a commemorative coin for "Mayor's Special Recognition" to commend the work CRC has done in 2014.

Public Portion closed at 6:58 p.m.

For the Good of the Order:

Mrs. Joyce Grady mentioned the following upcoming events:

Fall Corn Fest sponsored BBQ and Country Band on Wed. 8/20/14 at 6pm (food) and 7pm (concert).

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Jerry Wolanin seconded by Vice Chairman Jim Walsh

ROLL CALL: 9 AYES – unanimous MOTION PASSES.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

APPROVED: 9/16/14

ATTEST: Gloria Majeski

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Andy Gardner, Chairman