

Howard County Charter Review Commission

APPROVED MINUTES

Date: Thursday, July 28, 2011

Time: 9:07 a.m.

Place: Columbia Room, George Howard Building

Commission Members in attendance:

- Donna Richardson
- Michael Davis
- Sharon Ahn
- Cindy Ardinger
- Regina Clay
- Thomas Coale
- Edward Cochran
- Charles Feaga
- Alice Giles
- Yvonne Howard
- Steve Hunt
- Sang Oh
- Andrew Stack
- Joshua Tzucker
- James Walsh

Board of Elections President, Counsel, and Acting Director, and Marsha McLaughlin, Director of DPZ, in attendance.

- Ms. Richardson opened the meeting.
- Members unanimously approved the minutes.
- Board of Elections
 - Ann Balcerzak, President, provided chart showing required number of signatures for referenda in other charter counties in the state, along with population of each county
 - Guy Mickley, Acting Director, explained the chart
 - Approximately 107,000 votes were cast in the County last gubernatorial election
 - Mr. Feaga asked the process for removing inactive voters
 - Michael Molinaro, Board Counsel, and Guy Mickley explained notification process conducted to remove voters

- Michael Molinaro explains procedures for checking signatures for referenda
- Ms. McLaughlin explained the language of the referendum process as applied to zoning issues
 - Should probably remove language regarding change or mistake
 - Should probably not allow entire General Plan to be put to referendum; should allow some parts of General Plan
- Commission members reviewed list of possible changes and removed and clarified provisions; will discuss finalizing the language in the list at the next meeting
- Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 a.m.