

# Howard County Charter Review Commission

APPROVED MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2011

Time: 7:00 pm.

Place: North Laurel Community Center, Public Hearing

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

- Ms. Richardson opened the meeting.
- The public was asked to sign in. Ms. Richardson explained that individuals would receive three minutes and individuals speaking for a group would receive 5 minutes
- Ken Stevens testified (provided written comments)
- John Taylor spoke against clarifying that floating zones are not subject to referendum; stated that floating zones are subject to referendum and were intended to be as part of the language of the Charter amendment placed on the ballot; term limits should remain; should add amendment that states that any resident of the county has legal standing in claim against the county; resolutions should be subject to referendum; should have recall elections available
- Stuart Kohn testified (provided written comments)
- Susan Gray testified against changing language regarding zoning legislation that is subject to referendum
- Tom Flynn testified (provided written comments)

- Angie Beltram testified that zoning board should be separate from the County Council
- Ms. Richardson permitted people to testify again given the amount of time remaining
- Susan Gray testified regarding gathering signatures for referendum
- John Taylor testified regarding need for full-time council members; should have more council members
- Hearing adjourned at 7:47 p.m.
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