

Orange County Government

*Orange County Administration Center
201 S Rosalind Ave.
Orlando, FL 32802-1393*



Draft Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

6:00 PM

District 4 - Meadow Woods Recreation Center

2020 Charter Review Commission

CRC Members:

Camille Evans, Chair

James R. Auffant, Vice Chair

Jack Douglas–Russell Drake–John E. Fauth–Matthew Klein–

Jeffrey A. Miller–Nikki Mims–Angela Melvin–Samuel Vilchez Santiago–Soraya Smith–

Lee Steinhauer–Eugene Stoccardo–Anthony (Tony) Suarez–Dotti Wynn

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present: 13 - Member Camille Evans, Member James R. Auffant, Member Russell Drake, Member John E. Fauth, Member Matthew Klein, Member Angela Melvin, Member Jeffrey A. Miller, Member Nikki Mims, Member Samuel Vilchez Santiago, Member Soraya Smith, Member Lee Steinhauer, Member Eugene Stoccardo, and Member Dotti Wynn

Absent: 2 - Member Jack Douglas, and Member Anthony (Tony) Suarez

Others present:

CRC General Counsel Cliff Shepard
Deputy Clerk Katie Smith
Senior Minutes Coordinator Craig Stopyra

Pledge of Allegiance**I. Invited Guest**

- BCC District 4 Commissioner Maribel Gomez Cordero

Commissioner Gomez Cordero thanked the residents for attending and also to the members of the Charter Review Commission for their work and service.

II. Public Comment

The following persons addressed the CRC for public comment:

- Anh Volmer
- Megan Sorbo
- Nicole Wilson
- Pete Clarke
- Emmett O'Dell
- Chuck O'Neal
- Valerie Anderson
- Mikala Wells
- Cathie Rising-Clarke
- Gloria Pickar
- Carol Foglesong
- Suzanne Arnold
- Steve Meyers
- Sharon McBreen
- Ericka Gomez-Tejeda
- Gretchen Robinson
- Marjorie Holt

The following material was presented to the CRC prior to the close of public comment:

- Exhibit 1, from Mikala Wells
- Exhibit 2, from Gloria Pickar
- Exhibit 3, from Carol Foglesong

III. Consent Item

- A. CRC-20-059** Approval and execution of the minutes of the October 2, 2019 meeting of the CRC.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Auffant, seconded by Member Drake, to approve and execute the minutes of October 2, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 13 - Member Evans, Member Auffant, Member Drake, Member Fauth, Member Klein, Member Melvin, Member Miller, Member Mims, Member Santiago, Member Smith, Member Steinhauer, Member Stoccardo, and Member Wynn

Absent: 2 - Member Douglas, and Member Suarez

IV. Chair Comments

Chair Evans provided no comments.

V. Discussion Items

- A. CRC-20-060** Subcommittee Work

Chair Evans presented the Subcommittee Work Product Guidelines. A subcommittee was formed to organize the work of the subcommittees and final meetings of the CRC. Members of the subcommittee are Chair Evans, Vice Chair Auffant as well as the current subcommittee Chairs Douglas, Steinhauer and Stoccardo. The subcommittee met with Charter Staff and General Counsel Shepard to review the elements of the work product for each subcommittee to prepare the timing for subcommittee reports and the final CRC evaluation process.

A motion was made by Member Miller, seconded by Member Wynn, to approve the Subcommittee Work Product Guidelines, as amended below. The vote on the main motion was taken later in the discussion item.

Discussion ensued amongst CRC members to amend the Subcommittee Work Product Guidelines to establish a standard of time for citizens to speak during subcommittee meetings with additional time at the end of meetings. Further, members discussed providing citizens two opportunities to address the full CRC prior to the final vote of the full CRC.

A motion to amend the main motion was made by Member Santiago, seconded by Vice Chair Auffant, to add a standard provision in the Subcommittee Work Product Guidelines, to include three minutes for citizens to speak with an additional fifteen minutes set aside at the discretion of the Subcommittee Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 11 - Member Auffant, Member Drake, Member Evans, Member Melvin, Member Miller, Member Mims, Member Santiago, Member Smith, Member Steinhauer, Member Stoccardo, and Member Wynn

Nay: 2 - Member Fauth, and Member Klein

Absent: 2 - Member Douglas, and Member Suarez

A motion to amend the main motion was made by Chair Evans, seconded by Member Wynn, to add a standard provision in the Subcommittee Work Product Guidelines to provide the work product of each subcommittee shall be presented twice to the full CRC before a final vote. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 13 - Member Auffant, Member Drake, Member Evans, Member Fauth, Member Klein, Member Melvin, Member Miller, Member Mims, Member Santiago, Member Smith, Member Steinhauer, Member Stoccardo, and Member Wynn

Absent: 2 - Member Douglas, and Member Suarez

After the main motion was made, discussion ensued and two motions amended the main motion. The main motion and vote are noted below.

A motion was made by Member Miller, seconded by Member Wynn, to approve the Subcommittee Work Product Guidelines as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 13 - Member Evans, Member Auffant, Member Drake, Member Fauth, Member Klein, Member Melvin, Member Miller, Member Mims, Member Santiago, Member Smith, Member Steinhauer, Member Stoccardo, and Member Wynn

Absent: 2 - Member Douglas, and Member Suarez

B. CRC-20-061 Proposed Charter Review Topic - Split Oak

General Counsel Shepard presented the topic of the Proposed Charter Review Topic - Split Oak. The request is to restrict the County from voluntarily allowing any development within the Split Oak Forest wildlife and environmental area. The forest is an eighteen hundred acre environmental preserve southeast of the airport. It rests on the Orange/Osceola County border and the Counties each own portions within their own jurisdiction. Split Oak's status as an environmental preserve was established by a pair of 1994 interagency agreements between Orange County, Osceola County, and two State of Florida agencies. The agreements provided the property may not be used for purposes other than conservation and passive recreation and called for the conveyance of conservation easements on the parcel. The agreements may not be amended without the approval of both counties and the Florida Communities Trust. The future of Split Oak Forest has come up for discussion due to the anticipated extension of the Osceola Parkway Expressway by the Central Florida Expressway Authority. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Auffant, seconded by Member Santiago, to have Split Oak

established as an evaluation topic for the 2020 CRC. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Member Auffant, Member Drake, Member Fauth, Member Klein, Member Melvin, Member Miller, Member Mims, Member Santiago, Member Smith, Member Steinhauer, Member Stoccardo, and Member Wynn

Abstain: 1 - Member Evans

Absent: 2 - Member Douglas, and Member Suarez

A motion was made by Vice Chair Auffant, seconded by Member Santiago, to establish the Split Oak as a Subcommittee for the 2020 CRC. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Member Auffant, Member Drake, Member Fauth, Member Klein, Member Melvin, Member Miller, Member Mims, Member Santiago, Member Smith, Member Steinhauer, Member Stoccardo, and Member Wynn

Abstain: 1 - Member Evans

Absent: 2 - Member Douglas, and Member Suarez

Vice Chair Auffant appointed the following CRC members to serve on the Split Oak Subcommittee:

Subcommittee Chair: Vice Chair Auffant

Subcommittee: Members Drake, Fauth, Mims, and Santiago

C. CRC-20-062 Proposed Charter Review Topic - Citizen-Initiated Charter and Ordinance Amendment Process

General Counsel Shepard presented the topic of the Proposed Charter Review Topic - Citizen-Initiated Charter and Ordinance Amendment Process. This topic was discussed previously at the last CRC cycle in 2016 and the amendment was passed by the voters. The objective of the proposal is to look at lowering the threshold of voter signatures required to place charter and ordinance amendments on the ballot. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Santiago, seconded by Member Stoccardo, to have Citizen-Initiated Charter and Ordinance Amendment Process established as an evaluation topic for the 2020 CRC. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Member Auffant, Member Drake, Member Fauth, Member Melvin, Member Mims, Member Santiago, Member Smith, and Member Stoccardo

Nay: 5 - Member Evans, Member Klein, Member Miller, Member Steinhauer, and Member Wynn

Absent: 2 - Member Douglas, and Member Suarez

A motion was made by Member Santiago, seconded by Vice Chair Auffant, to establish the Citizen-Initiated Charter and Ordinance Amendment Process as a Subcommittee for the 2020 CRC. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Member Auffant, Member Drake, Member Evans, Member Fauth, Member Melvin, Member Miller, Member Mims, Member Santiago, Member Smith, Member Steinhauer, Member Stoccardo, and Member Wynn

Nay: 1 - Member Klein

Absent: 2 - Member Douglas, and Member Suarez

Chair Evans appointed the following CRC members to serve on the Citizen-Initiated Charter and Ordinance Amendment Process Subcommittee:

Subcommittee Chair: Member Smith

Subcommittee: Members Douglas, Melvin, Miller, and Wynn

D. CRC-20-063 Proposed Charter Review Topic - Full-Time Board of County Commissioner Positions

General Counsel Shepard presented the topic of the Proposed Charter Review Topic - Full-Time Board of County Commissioner Positions. The topic of full time/part time County commissioners was discussed initially during the first Number and Composition of County Commission Districts Subcommittee meeting. General Counsel Shepard indicated to the subcommittee that this question might be outside the scope of the subcommittee. The subcommittee didn't want to discuss the topic further unless they had the authority to do so. General Counsel Shepard indicated to the full CRC that there is nothing that speaks directly to the issue, except language that states commissioners are to spend time as necessary to do their legislative duties. Discussion ensued. General Counsel Shepard contributed to the discussion.

A motion was made by Member Klein, seconded by Member Fauth, to expand the scope of the Number and Composition of County Commission Districts Subcommittee to include a consideration of having full time Board of County Commissioner positions. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Member Evans, Member Auffant, Member Drake, Member Fauth, Member Klein, Member Melvin, Member Miller, Member Steinhauer, Member Stoccardo, and Member Wynn

Nay: 3 - Member Mims, Member Santiago, and Member Smith

Absent: 2 - Member Douglas, and Member Suarez

VI. Subcommittee Updates

A. CRC-20-064 Rights of the Wekiva River and Econlockhatchee River Committee Meetings Held on October 3 and 17, 2019. (Member Stoccardo)

Chair Evans requested an update from Member Stoccardo on the Rights of Wekiva River and

Econlockhatchee River subcommittee meetings. Member Stoccardo indicated the next subcommittee is scheduled for November 7, 2019, at 4 p.m.

Chair Evans expressed her concern that the definition of waters in the proposed language expands beyond the scope of the Rights of the Wekiva and Econlockhatchee Rivers Subcommittee and requested Member Stoccardo provide input about the scope. Member Stoccardo indicated that there was input from subcommittee members to expand the scope as it was necessary to include basins of the Wekiva and Econlockhatchee Rivers, which comprises a huge portion of Orange County. Discussion ensued. General Counsel Shepard contributed to the discussion.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Auffant, seconded by Member Santiago, to expand the scope of the Rights of the Wekiva River and Econlockhatchee River Subcommittee to include all bodies of water in Orange County. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Member Auffant, Member Drake, Member Fauth, Member Melvin, Member Mims, Member Santiago, Member Smith, and Member Stoccardo

Nay: 4 - Member Evans, Member Klein, Member Miller, and Member Steinhauer

Absent: 3 - Member Douglas, Member Suarez, and Member Wynn

B. CRC-20-065 Ethics Concerning Lobbyists Committee Meetings Held on October 10 and 28, 2019. (Member Steinhauer)

Chair Evans requested an update from Member Steinhauer on the Ethics Concerning Lobbyists subcommittee meetings. Member Steinhauer indicated that the County will address the subject matter at a future subcommittee meeting.

C. CRC-20-066 Number and Composition of County Commission Districts Committee Meeting Held on October 23, 2019. (Member Douglas)

Since Subcommittee Chair Douglas was not present, General Counsel Shepard presented an update on the Number and Composition of County Commission Districts subcommittee meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2019, at 4 p.m. County Mayor Jerry L. Demings will be in attendance at the meeting.

VII. New Business

Member Klein formerly commended Charter Staff for all of their hard work, on all levels, from the very beginning.

A motion was made by Member Klein, seconded by Vice Chair Auffant, to commend Charter Staff for all of their hard work. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 13 - Member Evans, Member Auffant, Member Drake, Member Fauth, Member Klein, Member Melvin, Member Miller, Member Mims, Member Santiago, Member Smith, Member Steinhauer, Member Stoccardo, and Member Wynn

Absent: 2 - Member Douglas, and Member Suarez

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the CRC adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Camille Evans, Chair
2020 Charter Review Commission