

2020 ORANGE COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION (CRC)

Committee Summary Report

Permanent Funding of Green PLACE Committee

February 17, 2020

Comptroller's 4th Floor Conference Room

4:00 p.m.

Committee Members: Camille Evans, Chair

Angela Melvin Soraya Smith

Lee Steinhauer (via telephone)

Eugene Stoccardo

Clifford Shepard, CRC General Counsel Jennifer Lara-Klimetz, Assisting CRC as Staff

Invited Guests: Kate Latorre, Assistant County Attorney

Kurt Petersen, Office of Management and Budget

The Permanent Funding of Green PLACE Committee met to identify issues and questions.

Public Comment

No members of the public addressed the committee during public comment.

Background Information

Chair Evans opened the meeting and stated that the goal for the meeting was to revisit the proposal and its intent as well as review the code provisions.

Member Stoccardo provided a synopsis of the genesis of the Permanent Funding for Green PLACE proposal.

General Counsel Shepard reviewed the memo he provided to the committee members titled Proposed Charter Amendment re: Required Funding for Conservation dated January 24, 2020.

Chair Evans discussed Section 17.243 – Use of Proceeds of the Orange County Public Service Tax Ordinance.

Kurt Petersen, Manager of the Office of Management and Budget, addressed the committee regarding the 10 year expenditure history of Fund 2319, the Public Service Tax Bonds Fund. Discussion ensued.

Members Open Discussion

Chair Evans requested that the County provide the committee with a history of environmentally sensitive lands that have been acquired by the County over the past 15 years, the protocol that was used to identify those lands, and the sources used during the acquisition. Chair Evans also requested a list of the lands acquired during 2003 and a list of lands available for acquisition. Discussion ensued. General Counsel Shepard contributed to the discussion.

Future Action Plan

Kate Latorre, Assistant County Attorney, stated she would get in contact with appropriate County staff to gather the information requested by Chair Evans.

The committee will schedule their next meeting at a future date. Supporting materials, including the meeting notice, agenda, audio and summary report, may be found by visiting https://www.occompt.com/clerk-of-the-bcc/charter-2020/meetings/.