

Charter Commission

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING
JUNE 29, 2016
6:00 PM
MILILANI HIGH SCHOOL CAFETORIUM
MINUTES

Charter Commission Members Present:

Judge Michael F. Broderick, Acting Chair
David W. Rae, Chair
Kevin Mulligan, Vice Chair
Guy K. Fujimura
Nathan T. Okubo
Paul T. Oshiro
Cheryl D. Soon

Charter Commission Members Excused/Absent:

Reginald V. Castanares, Jr.
Donna Ikeda
Edlyn S. Taniguchi
R. Brian Tsujimura
John D. Waihee III, Governor
Pamela Witty-Oakland

Others Present:

Mark Garrity, Deputy Director, Department of Transportation Services
Dawn Spurlin, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Linda Luli Nakasone Oamilda, Executive Administrator, Honolulu Charter Commission
Norma Reyes, Secretary, Honolulu Charter Commission

Testifiers:

Marilyn Lee
Ann Freed
Karen Loomis
Blake McElheny
Richard Poirier
Larry McElheny
Michael Dau

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call: Paul Oshiro, Guy Fujimura, Michael Broderick, Kevin Mulligan, Dave Rae, Nathan Okubo, Cheryl Soon.

With a quorum present, Acting Chair Broderick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Acting Chair Broderick explained the purpose of the meeting, citing the Charter provision mandating a Charter review every 10 years to improve the structure of government. He noted that this meeting was not for decision-making but strictly an opportunity for the Commission to hear from the public on proposals under consideration.

II. TESTIMONY

Marilyn Lee, Vice-chair, Neighborhood Board 25, testified in opposition to the proposal to limit neighborhood board terms to six consecutive terms. She explained that board members are volunteers who accomplish much for the community. Long-term members serve as an important memory bank of the history of the community, the board and the process. She felt that City Councilmembers are different because they are paid. She also said that there are no cliques, and new members are important to the board.

Ann Freed testified in support of the multi-modal transportation system but felt that it should not be accountable to the Mayor or the City Council and that it should be independent, such as the Phoenix municipal rail. She reported that her neighborhood board voted against the proposal.

Karen Loomis testified in opposition to Proposal 40 regarding the sunset provision of boards and commissions. She suggests instead that the Commission should determine whether any particular board or commission is redundant and propose its abolishment.

Blake McElheny testified in opposition to Proposal C-5 and noted that he submitted written testimony containing proposed amendments. He also encouraged the Commission to review Proposal 76A. Commissioner Soon noted for the record that she and Mr. McElheny have had a number of conversations which have created a better understanding between them.

Mark Garrity, Deputy Director, Department of Transportation Services, testified that the administration supports Proposal 76A to establish a single municipal public transit entity to handle all modes of transportation, the effort to increase non-fare revenue, and to establish a fair rate Commission.

Richard Poirier, Chair, Neighborhood Board 25, testified on Proposal 76A to note that the most important variable will not be known until the next election and suggested that this matter be deferred. He also commented on the Board of Water Supply contract approval requirement and noted that, with regard to contract approvals as to legality, his understanding is that only the judiciary branch can pass judgment on whether something is legal.

Larry McElheny testified on Proposal C-5 and noted that he is opposed to anything that would make it easier for public lands to become privatized and commercialized. He agrees with his son, Blake's, amendment to delete the Parks Department.

Michael Dau, Neighborhood Board 25, testified in opposition to Proposal 44 regarding term limits for neighborhood board members. He stated that he also is not aware of any cliques among board members.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acting Chair Broderick announced the following meetings:

1. Friday, July 1, 6:00 p.m. at Windward Community College
2. Thursday, June 30, 3:30 p.m., Council Committee Meeting Room
3. Thursday, June 30, 2:00 p.m., Style Committee

IV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Acting Chair Broderick adjourned the meeting at 6:31 P.M.