

**Summary of Discussion
Broward County Charter Review Commission
Administrative Issues/Governance Subcommittee Meeting
Wednesday, November 28th, 2007
Broward County Main Library, 100 S. Andrews Avenue
Bienes Conference Room 6th Floor
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Members Present:

Dr. Irv Rosenbaum, Chair
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Esq. Vice Chair
Mayor Debby Eisinger
Richard Weiss, Esq.

Members Absent:

Bruce Rogow, Esq.
Ms. Patricia Good
Michael Buckner, Esq.

Others Attending:

Chedley Etienne, Administrative Assistant, CRC
Maria Gross, Assistant Director, CRC
Jacob Horowitz, Esq., Assistant General Counsel
Alfreda S. King, PKING Consulting
Norm Ostrau, Esq., Chair, Florida Commission on Ethics
Commissioner Hazelle Rogers, CRC Vice-Chair
Lisa Vondrak, News-Abstracts.com
Patricia G. West, Executive Director, CRC
Commissioner Gunzburger, District 6
Robin Rorapough, Hollywood, Fl

(A copy of the sign-in sheets identifying those present is filed with the supplemental papers to the summary of this Subcommittee Meeting.)

A meeting of the Broward County Charter Review Administrative Issues / Governance Subcommittee "Committee," "Subcommittee," or "AGSC," was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 28th, 2007 at the Broward County Main Library, 100 S. Andrews Avenue, Bienes Conference Room 6th Floor, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Chair Dr. Irv Rosenbaum called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m. He requested the roll call by Alfreda S. King of PKING Consulting, Inc. Upon completion of the roll call the Chair recognized the presence of a quorum.

II. Approval of 11/14/2007 Summary of Discussion

Ms. Norris-Weeks MOTIONED to approve the Administrative Issues / Governance Subcommittee 11/14/2007 Summary of Discussion, Mr. Weiss SECONDED and the motion PASSED unanimously.

III. Discussion of Lobbying Issues:

a. County Attorney's Office

Ms. West advised that staff received information regarding the Gift Ordinance via email from the County Attorney's Office, copies of which were provided in the subcommittee folders.

Mr. Weiss referencing the information provided asked if the AGSC is considering a proposal.

The Chair replied that the AGSC is suggesting 3 proposals.

Ms. Norris-Weeks reminded the subcommittee that they discussed the proposed resolutions in a previous meeting and directed General Counsel to draft the language before the subcommittee for our consideration today.

Ms. West advised that the 3 resolutions are as follows:

- ***Resolution 2008-009 – County Commissioners Lobbying and Solicitation Restriction (Gift Resolution)***
- ***Resolution 2008-003 – Recusal Resolution***
- ***Resolution 2008-06 – Regional Policy Statement***

Ms. West added that Resolution 2008-003 and Resolution 2008-006 are basically edits that were discussed in a previous meeting.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the re-Draft of the Resolution 2008-003 – Recusal Resolution.

Ms. Norris-Weeks MOTIONED to approve the re-Draft of the Resolution 2008-003 – Recusal Resolution, Ms. Rogers SECONDED and the Chair requested a roll call vote.

Michael Buckner, Esq. **Absent**

Mayor Debby Eisinger **Yes**

Dr. Irv Rosenbaum **Yes**

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Esq. **Yes**

Bruce Rogow, Esq. **Absent**

Ms. Patricia Good **Absent**

Richard Weiss, Esq. **Yes**

Hazelle Rogers **Yes**

Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY on a roll call vote 5 YES: 0 NO

The Chair called for a motion to approve the Re-Draft of the Resolution 2008-006 – Regional Policy Statement.

Ms. Norris-Weeks MOTIONED to approve the re-Draft of the Resolution 2008-006 – Regional Policy Statement, Ms. Eisinger SECONDED and the Chair requested a roll call vote.

Michael Buckner, Esq. **Absent**

Mayor Debby Eisinger **Yes**

Dr. Irv Rosenbaum **Yes**

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Esq. **Yes**

Bruce Rogow, Esq.	Absent
Ms. Patricia Good	Absent
Richard Weiss, Esq.	Yes
Hazelle Rogers	Yes

Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY on a roll call vote of 5 YES: 0 NO

The Chair moved to the next order of business and opened the floor to discussion from the subcommittee.

b. Discussion of Resolution 2008-009 – County Commissioner Lobbying and Solicitation Restriction (Gift Resolution)

Ms. Norris-Weeks advised that Resolution 2008-009 is a good summary of what the AGSC discussed at the last meeting. The resolution is broad enough not to specifically deal with the Hollywood and Fort Lauderdale issues of charities and more. Ms. Norris-Weeks stated that general counsel's office did a really good job.

Commissioner Sue Gunzburger: Part B on this one, does that mean that none of us can solicit on behalf of a charity?

Ms. Norris-Weeks advised that what she interpreted is that a Commissioner could not solicit if a person does business with the County, is a lobbyist, or people who do official business lobbying for companies.

Commissioner Gunzburger: I just wanted to understand, there is no soliciting for charities, which also means that you cannot ask those people for campaign contributions as well?

Ms. Norris-Weeks replied that there are always loopholes and people will figure out clever ways to get around the rules.

Commissioner Gunzburger: Well they always do. Now supposing Norm Ostrau's firm decides that they want to put on a fundraiser for my re-election; if they do the soliciting and they invite me to it, under this resolution would that be legal or not legal?

Mr. Horowitz: As an elected official you simply would not be allowed to solicit from...

Commissioner Gunzburger: I could not call Norm and say put on a fundraiser?

Mr. Horowitz: Correct. But if you fund the fundraiser you would not be soliciting; he would be soliciting, there is a distinction there.

The Chair added that it could still be interpreted that the Commissioner is soliciting. He added that if an elected official's name is on a fundraiser flyer that is considered soliciting.

Commissioner Gunzburger: If the flyer says that they are in support of the re-election of Sue Gunzburger does that constitute soliciting? Does that mean that I cannot pay for that particular ad? It would be paid for by the firm; the flyer would have to have the disclaimer saying that the firm is paying for it? Am I correct Mr. Horowitz?

Mr. Horowitz: I think that is correct, as it is currently written – there's no member of the Commission. If there is a firm soliciting on your behalf – I believe there is a distinction to be made there. As an elected official and a member of the County Commission, you would not be allowed to make that step and solicit those funds or put out that literature soliciting those funds.

Commissioner Gunzburger: To ask you one other question, I am active in a couple of charities, does it mean that I cannot call anyone who does business with the County to give money to that charity?

Mr. Horowitz: That's correct.

The Chair advised that smaller charities in Broward County are held together by the goodwill of County Commissioners and Elected Officials. He added that he has a problem with the resolution if it impacts smaller charities.

Commissioner Gunzburger: There's one other problem too. The other thing is what about political campaigns, for example. I am active in a campaign for a presidential candidate; does that mean I can't call on that person to help out?

Ms. Norris-Weeks stated that she believes the problem is that the lobbyists have the chance to keep going back for favors.

Commissioner Gunzburger: You are absolutely correct; it's a two-way sword. It does empower those firms that can go every single time.

Ms. Eisinger advised the subcommittee that there needs to be a motion to discuss resolution 2008-009.
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Ms. Norris-Weeks MOTIONED to discuss Resolution 2008-009 County Commissioner Lobbying and Solicitation Restriction (Gift Resolution), Ms. Eisinger SECONDED and the motion PASSED unanimously.

Ms. Eisinger stated that she understands Commissioner Gunzburger's concerns. She asked Commissioner Gunzburger why the County Commission did not pass the Lobbyist Ordinance which was presented recently.

Commissioner Gunzburger: Well, if you want to know the truth a lot of people did not like the gift restrictions. When the Commissioners were talking about going out to the general public rather going to the people who do business, I really feel that all the people who vote for me do not get the gifts that come to us. We get paid a very healthy salary, much healthier than the cities, and I don't think we need these expensive gifts, and I understand that the dinners we get invited to cost money. We also have a \$2,000 office account at the end of every election and that should cover all of that other stuff. If you read the recent articles about what's going on in Miami-Dade – and that's called gift run-a-muck. I will give you an example; we run the port and we got an invitation from Coastal Cruse Lines to come to their opening, see their new ships, and go on board for a dinner and cocktail party etc., and also to bring a partner, husband, date, or whatever and if we like we could even stay overnight. So I said immediately, I don't believe that this comes in under the \$100 gift allowance. So I had our attorney ask how much it cost, well it was told to us that it was \$99 per person, so it meant that if you want to go with your spouse to this dinner and dancing it was going to cost you \$99 to bring that person. No one accepted the invitation, then all of a sudden the cost was lifted and they wrote that it only cost \$50 per person; one couple went.

The Chair asked if there were any other questions or comments.

Mr. Norm Ostrau

Mr. Ostrau: I think that the Article has some concerns and some problems; it's problematic. First of all, the one about the campaign contributions. I am not sure if you prohibit the solicitation of campaign contributions that you can do that. The election law is pre-emptive over anything you can do; so I am not sure that you can say that you couldn't solicit campaign contributions.

Ms. Norris-Weeks asked Mr. Ostrau what in the election law gives someone the authority to solicit campaign contributions from lobbyists or people who do business with the County.

Mr. Ostrau: Under the Gift Law campaign contributions are specifically exempt; so campaign contributions are not gifts under the gift law. But that is problematic; I think that would be a concern. The issue about the charitable contributions is a major issue; it just happened in Palm Beach County – Commissioner Karen Marcus was just brought up to the Commission on her major contributions and a whole bunch of things; the Commission was looking at that. The lobbyist issue is difficult, to look at this – first of all, I guess if you're a lobbyist you can't do it, but if you own the company that sells widgets to the County and the City, then you could do it. That presents a problem – if you are the lobbyist, you can't do business with that agency or that municipality, but if I am a company selling widgets to that City then I am not exempt from a conflict of interest.

Mr. Weiss asked Mr. Ostrau what language he was reading.

Mr. Ostrau: It says lobbying shall improve the revelation for communication -- Elected for Compensation. If I own the widget company and I go to the municipality I can sell my widget.

Mr. Weiss stated that can be used for compensation.

Mr. Ostrau: The whole concept of the Ethics Code has been that we don't prohibit people from doing things, what we do is say, "If you have a conflict that prevents you from doing your public duty then you shouldn't participate." I would think it would be a [contradiction](#) telling everybody they couldn't go in front of the local government to say "If you had that conflict then you abstain," then you do something to make that conflict, but not everybody who goes out and does something has a conflict. But if you had an issue and you went to the city and there's an issue that came in front of you, then you would have a conflict of interest and you should abstain from that conflict. I think you just present a lot of things – I mean the idea of the conflict of interest is the right idea on both those issues. t But I think you deal with it in a conflict area instead of a prohibition area because the whole code is based on tha. We want good people to be in government but if they have conflict then they resolve the conflict; they abstain from doing what they need to do. Not that we stopped them from doing everything that they can do in government as private citizens; so we stopped the conflict not the action that they did. I think this is hard to enforce.

Ms. Norris-Weeks advised that before someone runs for office they need to consider that the benefits out- weigh the salary of being a Commissioner.

Mr. Ostrau: I understand that, but wouldn't it be easier and would it be simpler to say, If you went in front of a city, and you had conflict at that city and any issue coming before the County Commission you would abstain from the issue?

Ms. Eisinger agreed with Mr. Ostrau; she added that she believes that elected officials have to take a stand to eliminate the negative perception that they have in general. Ms. Eisinger advised that she is comfortable with section A-2 of the Resolution.

The Chair provided the subcommittee with an example, he added that he wished to dig deeper into the issue and get more information. He is concerned about the non-profit charities.

Ms. Norris-Weeks suggested keeping the Resolution as is and excluding the charities.

Ms. Eisinger MOTIONED to amend proposed 2008-009 County Commissioner Lobbying and Solicitation Restriction (Gift Resolution) by striking Article II, Section B which addresses solicitation, Mr. Weiss SECONDED and the Chair called for a roll call vote.

Michael Buckner, Esq.	Absent
Mayor Debby Eisinger	Yes
Dr. Irv Rosenbaum	Yes
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Esq.	No
Bruce Rogow, Esq.	Absent
Ms. Patricia Good	Absent
Richard Weiss, Esq.	Yes
Hazelle Rogers	Yes

Motion PASSED on a vote of 4 YES: 1 NO

Mr. Weiss expressed concern and advised that there needs to be a real analysis of who the Resolution is excluding. He suggested that the subcommittee should not prohibit people from doing things; however, make it that if someone has a conflict they abstain. Mr. Weiss explained that he believes that the current Resolution is too overly broad. He suggested checking with the Florida Bar regarding this issue.

Ms. Norris-Weeks advised that she believes it would be legal for the subcommittee to have something in the Charter that would prohibit Commissioners from taking on certain clients and assuming certain roles.

The Chair stated that he believes that the City Commissioners in Hollywood are different from the Broward County Commissioners. He added that the Hollywood Ordinance addresses specific environments in Hollywood. The Chair agreed with Mr. Weiss.

Ms. Norris-Weeks advised that the issue of County Commissioners lobbying and soliciting has been an issue in Broward County before and more than once, which she reminded, is part of why the AGSC has had this discussion previously.

The Chair advised that he believes that lobbying the cities is a major issue; he added that it is a close relationship which creates a conflict.

Mr. Weiss provided the subcommittee with an example regarding the issue of lobbying.

Commissioner Gunzburger: But you don't have to abstain under the current rules.

Ms. Eisinger advised that she believes that the subcommittee needs an opinion from the Florida Bar to make sure that what the subcommittee would be proposing is constitutional or legal and is not going to be questioned. She added that she would support anything that would eliminate the negative perception of elected officials.

Ms. Norris-Weeks stated that she believes that there is an inherent conflict because given the authority that the County has in dealing with these issues, there is a potential at any point the issues could come before the County. Ms. Norris-Weeks advised that the Florida Bar is not going to give an opinion regarding the issue of Commissioners lobbying and soliciting. She explained that staff might be able to talk with someone there and get someone on the phone but they are not going to issue an opinion like the Attorney General's office would.

Mr. Ostrau: I think you're right to do an Ethics thing. I think this thing is practical – If I am sitting as an Ethics person looking at it. There are so many problems with that. I think the ability for the County to have this Commission that you are proposing to develop over time an Ethics Code that deals with these problems, and has enforcement ability as opposed to putting it in the Charter is a much better way to look at this thing. I just think the way you've defined it becomes very difficult for enforcement – Like you said it has loopholes.

Ms. Norris-Weeks disagreed with Mr. Ostrau. She added that she believes that people would stay away from the issue if they feel it would be a problem or could be a potential conflict.

Mr. Ostrau: I have sat on the Ethics Commission and the laws are out there, and it doesn't prohibit people from doing it.

Ms. Norris-Weeks stated that she believes that the subcommittee is making a much bigger issue out of the issue than it really is.

The Chair stated that he believes the real issue is the zoning and land use.

Mr. Ostrau: That wasn't what Hollywood did. It was in procurement.

Commissioner Gunzburger: There have been at least two Commissioners who had been involved in some procurement issues that were not proper.

Mr. Weiss asked Ms. Eisinger if she would be in consensus with the subcommittee not prohibiting Commissioners from lobbying however they cannot vote on a matter when something from that city comes up before the County Commission.

Ms. Eisinger advised that would be okay if that is the general consensus of the subcommittee.

Ms. Norris-Weeks advised that she believes Mr. Weiss' suggestion is watered down. She stated that there should be certain things you should not do if you are a County Commissioner.

Ms. Eisinger agreed with Ms. Norris-Weeks; however she added that the watered down version of the resolution has a better chance of getting to the voters.

Mr. Weiss suggested that the subcommittee make a recommendation to the full CRC.

Ms. Norris-Weeks agreed with Mr. Weiss.

The Chair suggested that the resolution be redrafted by general counsel; he added that he is in favor of abstaining.

Mr. Weiss advised that he does not know if someone can abstain.

Mr. Horowitz: Unless there is a conflict under Chapter 112 you have to vote.

Mr. Weiss stated that if the consensus of the subcommittee would like to move the Resolution forward he would help with the language.

Ms. Eisinger advised that the Resolution is already in the position to move forward.

Mr. Weiss stated that local governing bodies in the Resolution should have a better definition. He suggested including only quasi-judicial boards.

Ms. Norris-Weeks advised that Mr. Weiss' suggestion would address her concerns.

Commissioner Gunzburger: But it doesn't preclude procurement.

Ms. Eisinger stated that not everything is quasi-judicial.

Commissioner Gunzburger: Procurement is not quasi-judicial. There are Commissioners that have put pressure on administration to procure from certain vendors.

Mr. Weiss asked the subcommittee if they wish to include procurement or not.

Ms. Norris-Weeks advised that she would like to have participation from everybody.

Mr. Weiss suggested limiting the Commissioners to quasi-judicial boards.

Ms. Eisinger advised that there are people abusing procurements; she added that by limiting it to quasi-judicial boards the subcommittee is penalizing one person while someone else finds a loophole and benefits.

Mr. Horowitz: Well, I am actually looking at the Hollywood Ordinance which specifically addresses procurement and their language is invitations for bids, request for proposals, qualifications, letters of interest, and competitive solicitations. If we include that and quasi-judicial boards that will cover procurement as well as quasi-judicial – I don't know if that is the intent.

Ms. Eisinger MOTIONED to amend the restriction to include any procurement matters and quasi-judicial boards, Ms. Norris-Weeks SECONDED and the Chair called for a roll call vote.

Michael Buckner, Esq. **Absent**

Mayor Debby Eisinger **Yes**

Dr. Irv Rosenbaum	No
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Esq.	Yes
Bruce Rogow, Esq.	Absent
Ms. Patricia Good	Absent
Richard Weiss, Esq.	No
Hazelle Rogers	Yes

Motion PASSED on a vote of 3 YES: 2 NO

The Chair moved to the next order of business and opened the floor to discussion by the subcommittee members.

c. Ethics Committee's View

Ms. Norris-Weeks advised that the Ethics Commission was a motion put forward by Mr. Buckner ,and added that it was agreed that the subcommittee would incorporate the lobbying issues with the last resolution as opposed to setting up a separate Ethics Commission. She explained that the AGSC had a discussion regarding lobbying and how to limit influence.

[Ms. Rogers exited at this time 11:22 a.m.]

Ms. Norris-Weeks asked if there was going to be another AGSC meeting.

The Chair replied that there can be if there are more issues to discuss.

Ms. Norris-Weeks questioned if there is something that the AGSC can come up with in order to address some of the issues that the AGSC discussed previously and the influence issue.

Mr. Ostrau: This is not an Ethics Commission; this is an Ethics Board to propose legislation to address these problems which I think is a good idea and a very positive thing to do. It's not a commission that would look into and investigate and do those things like Dade County. It is a Board set up to draft legislation to propose to the County Commission, and if the County Commission doesn't accept it, then propose it to the voters. Looking at legislation to do the thing, that's what you want to do. I think that putting it in the ordinance form is a much better form than putting it in a Charter format. I think with this concept there might be some things that you want to work out at the concept level, but the concept

in promoting a situation like this... They did it in Orange County; Orange County is in the process now of developing their recommendations to the County Commission for an ordinance modification to do this. It was a very high level Committee who was appointed by the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court, and it was a very thought-out Committee. They have been in session for a year and they're now making proposals to do the ordinance changes on things that they found in Orange County. They are making their suggestions, and again they're making some suggestions to the legislature also to propose some other issues. I think this a very interesting concept.

The Chair advised that the best way to deal with the Committee is to have the Charter Review Commission send the County Commission a resolution asking for creation of a Committee to write an Ethics Code.

Ms. West asked if this would be a resolution to create a Committee to write an Ethics Code.

Mr. Ostrau: The way general counsel drafted it, it would be a commission created within the Charter, if the Commission didn't adopt it, then they have the authority to go ahead and place it on the ballot, which is an interesting concept.

Mr. Horowitz: The other option was to bypass the County Commission entirely and go directly to the ballot, which is similar to what the Charter Review Commission does; it just has the County Commission certify their recommendation and then go directly to the ballot without any further input.

Commissioner Gunzburger: When is this going to be on the ballot?

Mr. Horowitz: I believe it was March of 2009, and they would work for one year and then it sunsets in 2010, then they will present their recommendations to the County Commission no later than March 1, 2010.

Commissioner Gunzburger: I am going to appoint Norm Ostrau to the Ethics Commission (I am going to use him as my example) – because he has such experience in Ethics, and having served on the statewide Ethics Board, etc. I say Norm I want you to go on the Ethics Commission but under this circumstance, please don't pass XYZ, and make sure that it doesn't get through the Ethics Commission. How do you take the politics out of the Commission that is appointed by one of the political bodies in Broward County?

Mr. Horowitz: To be honest with you, you can't.

Mr. Ostrau: That was the interesting thing in Orange County because they had the same thing, the Chief Judge of the Circuit appointed all the members of their Commission.

Mr. Horowitz: The goal was to not turn this into a large Commission. We can certainly have the Broward League of Cities appoint all 9 to take the County Commission out of it directly. It's going to be hard to avoid the politics.

Commissioner Gunzburger: I don't mind you sending it to us.

Mr. Ostrau: I think the timing of this is good; I think you could create it, and I think that looks into the nuances. I have no reason to object to the concept but I think those things that you see happening everyday creates major problems for a Charter provision that you really can't enforce.

The Chair advised that he wishes to move the proposed Ethics Commission issue to the full Charter Review Commission.

Ms. Eisinger MOTIONED to move the Ethics Committee Resolution to the full Charter Review Commission for further discussion, Ms. Norris-Weeks SECONDED and the Chair called for a roll call vote.

Michael Buckner, Esq. **Absent**

Mayor Debby Eisinger **Yes**

Dr. Irv Rosenbaum **Yes**

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Esq. **Yes**

Bruce Rogow, Esq. **Absent**

Ms. Patricia Good **Absent**

Richard Weiss, Esq. **Yes**

Hazelle Rogers **Absent**

Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY on a vote of 4 YES: 0 NO

IV. Discussion of Re-draft of Resolution 2008-003 – Recusal Resolution

Item taken out of order. [See MOTION on page 3]

V. Discussion of Re-draft of Resolution 2008-006 – Regional Policy Statement

Item taken out of order. [See MOTION on pages 3 and 4]

VI. Discussion of Recommendations regarding Critical Issues

a. Irv Rosenbaum's Report

The Chair advised that the tax reform environment has changed which has impacted government on every level. He stated that it was discussed in a previous meeting that perhaps the voters do not have a good understanding of where their County tax dollars go. The Chair advised that there should be some discussion regarding the tax bill.

Commissioner Gunzburger: This was to let the voters see that the Sheriff was 52% of their County tax. I will tell you that this is not the time to talk about dependent tax districts. You have voters who are having a tax revolution; the last thing they want to do is create more bureaucracy and more ways to take money out of their pockets.

The Chair advised that his suggestion is not meant for this.

Commissioner Gunzburger: I can tell you as a whole, the County Commission has taken a stand against creating more tax districts, but rather would like to see some of them go away. There are close to 80 independent taxing districts in Broward County.

Ms. Eisinger stated that she believes that the Chair has a good concept; however, she would not address the issue because the AGSC has a lot on their plate. She added that she like items 1 and 2 and would support addressing the issues in detail.

b. Time Cycles for MESC and CRC

The Chair referred to previous meetings inquiring about the length of time the MESC and the CRC meet. He added that longer timeframes would help future MESC and CRC Committees function better.

Ms. Norris-Weeks asked the Chair for clarification of what he is proposing.

The Chair explained that the terms work within 5 year cycles, and added that instead of meeting every 6 years they will meet every 10 years.

Ms. Norris-Weeks asked how long would the term of office be for the appointments.

The Chair advised that the issue has not been fully worked out; he added that he would like to have a discussion, and depending on the outcome the subcommittee can go from there.

Ms. Norris-Weeks expressed concern with the longer terms for the CRC and MESC.

Ms. Gross suggested keeping the terms for 2 years, and having 8 years in between the CRC and MESC.

Mr. Weiss questioned the reasoning for having both the Management and Efficiency Committee and the Charter Review Committee.

The Chair stated that the previous Charter Review Commission felt that Broward County was growing; he added that they established Committee's to look at the issues in order to find solutions.

Mr. Weiss asked if any of the MESC recommendations were implemented.

Ms. West replied yes, advising Mr. Weiss that she has seen a lot of things change.

[Mr. Weiss suggested that General Counsel draft Dr. Rosenbaum's critical issues and send it to the full CRC for discussion.](#)

Commissioner Gunzburger: I like the 10 years with the terms staggered, but I am listening to people here and they're right. Two years is an awfully big commitment; to extend it by 50% is asking a lot from people who are already very busy in their other lives.

VII. Discussion of Timeframe to Finalize Issues

Tabled to the next meeting

The Chair opened the floor for public comment.

VIII. Public Comment

Commissioner Gunzburger: I want to say that although I may disagree with you on some things, I really welcome listening to some things that are outside of my general area of thinking and considering. I just know what I hear from the taxpayers when I speak at public meetings almost constantly; there is a

revolt out there. Although everybody is saying that when the legislature put the 60% in for everything to pass on a State-wide basis, this whole tax reform is not going to pass. I am not so certain. They took a lot of the stuff out and only those of us who have to deal with these budget cuts understand what this is going to mean to the general public. The Chair called for any other public comment.

Mr. Ostrau: I want to comment on the constitutional officers. The problem I had with it was that the County Auditor does not have the ability to audit and be able to subpoena the records. That could be chartered to subpoena the records of those constitutional officers ,but, you have to make them Charter Officers before you do that to give them the authority to go into the constitutional offices.

Ms. Norris-Weeks advised that the County Auditor can receive the records by a public request.

Mr. Ostrau: They can't. They would have to make a public records request to go in there and look at all those records.

The Chair thanked everyone for their input.

Next Meeting

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IX. Adjournment

There being no further business or public comment the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 p.m. The minutes of this meeting are recorded on CRC-AGSC CD # 11.28.07 (BCGV CTR).