

March 12, 2007

MINUTES

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAAYNE, FLORIDA

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2007

COUNCIL CHAMBER
560 CRANDON BOULEVARD

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Stuart D. Ames, Robert Fernandez, Mark Fried, Vice Chairman Betty Sime Conroy and Chairman Steve Liedman. Also present were Village Clerk Conchita H. Alvarez and Village Attorneys Stephen P. Helfman and Chad Friedman.

Chairman Liedman addressed the Commission and thanked Gustavo Maurizio from La Isla and Kelly Josephsen from The Islander for their articles regarding the Charter Revision Commission.

The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Ames made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2007 Charter Revision Commission Meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Sime Conroy and approved by a unanimous vote.

The Clerk submitted, for the information of the Commission, a survey of municipalities with 6,000 registered voters or less, regarding the required number of signatures for initiative and referendum.

The Commission reviewed the following sections of the Charter:

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Section 2.03. Election and Term of office.

The Commissioners addressed the election of Councilmembers to specific seats versus at-large. There was extensive discussion regarding this issue and it was the consensus of the Commission to include this proposed amendment in the Final Review scheduled for March 21, 2007.

The following residents addressed the Commission: Hugh O'Reilly, 475 Allendale Road; John Festa, 695 Harbor Lane; Michael Davey, 425 Glenridge Road; Ron Drucker, 170 Buttonwood Drive; Bob Libby 200 Ocean Lane Drive and Ed Meyer, 798 Crandon Boulevard.

Section 5.02. Initiative and Referendum.

The Commissioners and the Attorney addressed the Initiative and Referendum process.

Commissioner Ames made a motion to increase to 15% the number of signatures required to initiate a Charter Amendment. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Sime Conroy and approved by a unanimous vote.

Section 6.02. Procedure to amend the Charter.

The Commissioners and the Attorney discussed this section at length. It was the consensus of the Commission to amend this section by changing the reporting deadline to Council and the date of submission of proposed amendments to the voters.

Section 7.05. Grants and charitable contributions.

Commissioners discussed this section and length but no changes were proposed for this section.

Former Mayor Festa addressed the Commission regarding the proposed amendment to the Village Charter by the Petitioners' Committee. There was some discussion regarding this issue, but no action was taken.

The next meeting of the Commission will be on Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. to review and approve all proposed amendments.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Conchita H. Alvarez, CMC
Village Clerk

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*Approved by the Commission
this 21st day of March, 2007:*

*Steve Liedman
Chairman*

IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT A MEETING, THAT PERSON WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND, FOR SUCH PURPOSE, MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.