

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Bellbrook Charter Advisory Committee Meeting
September 20, 2023

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Mr. Bill Hopkins called the Meeting of the Bellbrook Charter Advisory Committee to order at 6:00pm

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. Bill Hopkins
Ms. Jennifer Leclaire
Ms. Amy Stone
Ms. Katie Taylor

ABSENT

Ms. Angela Brown

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The meeting minutes from August 17, 2023, are being deferred until the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Bill Hopkins mentioned a copy of the Charter was provided. He discussed changes to the wording in the Charter document and recommended the committee proofread changes and bring them to the next meeting. He noted the committee will review Section (4.02) at a later time.

The committee members discussed the Preamble Language for recommended changes.

Mr. Schommer read what the committee had discussed to amend in the Preamble language. “Grateful to our Almighty Creator” and “future generations”. Read by Mr. Schommer

Ms. Jennifer Leclaire made a Motion to approve the preamble language.

Motion Made by Ms. Leclaire, Seconded by Ms. Amy Stone.

Voting Yea: Mr. Bill Hopkins, Ms. Jennifer Leclaire, Ms. Amy Stone, Ms. Katie Taylor

Motion Carries.

Ms. Jennifer Leclaire mentioned she is confused about the changes Mr. Bill Hopkins made with the pronouns. Asked if this was approved.

Mr. Bill Hopkins explained no. Stated he printed and marked the document changes with red markings. He suggested bringing this back to the next meeting to discuss under Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

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Ms. Jennifer LeClaire mentioned term limits to be reviewed and changes to them in the Charter for the future Council.

Mr. Bill Hopkins asked Mr. Schommer, out of the current actual council, what is the longest anyone has served. Mr. Schommer stated he wasn't sure at this time. Discussed that Mayor Schweller and Mrs. Middlestetter are the longest running council members.

The Charter Committee discussed the term limit language for the Council members and recommends no changes to Section 4.03, 4.04 and 4.05.

The committee discussed creating a defined ter for "published" for reference throughout the Charter document. Mr. Schommer noted the term published may have a different meaning for different procedures defined.

The committee discussed sections 4.08 through 4.11. Discussions on 4.11 regarding vacancies on council led to agreement that current language is hard to understand. Mr. Schommer stated additional information from legal will be sought to help clarify.

Mr. Bill Hopkins requested for the committee to review the wording for section (4.11).

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business coming before the Council, Mr. Hopkins declared the meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm

William Hopkins, Chair

Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council