

South Euclid Charter Review Commission

**2015 City of South Euclid Charter Review commission Organization Agenda
December 16, 2014**

**South Euclid Municipal Complex Community Room
1349 S. Green Road
South Euclid Ohio 44121**

The November 4, 2014 election was certified on Tuesday, November 25, 2015. The City of South Euclid Charter states that the Commission shall meet within 30 days there after at the call of the mayor.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Georgine Welo at 6:05 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Mayor Georgine Welo took a Role Call and in attendance were Dennis Fiorelli, Marty Gelfand, Ruth Gray, David Miller, Modestino Romeo, Denise Turner and Georgine Welo. Ed Icove was absent due to a prior commitment. Judge Gayle Williams-Byers from the South Euclid Municipal Court and resident Robert Fry were also in attendance. Let the minutes reflect that resident Shermelle Schaffer joined the meeting later.

Mayor Georgine Welo called upon South Euclid Municipal Judge Gayle Williams-Byers to administer the Oath of Office to the members. Judge Williams-Byers spoke to the Commission in which she both congratulated and thanked them for their service. Judge Williams-Byers administered the oath and signed each member's oath of office and then delivered them to Mayor Georgine Welo. Mayor Welo announced that she would now call for nominations for Chairperson and that each member received a copy of the resignation of Kathy Pasquale who has since moved to Willoughby Hills, Ohio. She stated that the newly elected chairperson would handle the election of the vacancy.

Mayor Georgine Welo conducted the Election for Chairperson. Modestino Romeo nominated Dennis Fiorelli, seconded by Marty Gelfand. Denise Turner nominated Ruth Gray seconded by Ruth Gray. A hand vote was held, Dennis Fiorelli was elected chair. David Miller nominated Ruth Gray for Vice-Chair, second by Dennis Fiorelli. A hand vote was held, Ruth Gray was elected Vice-Chair.

Newly elected Chairperson Dennis Fiorelli said a few words and thanked everyone for their support. Chairperson Fiorelli opened nominations for the vacant seat. Marty Gelfand moved to nominate Michael Shaughnessy as he was the next candidate in line following the November 4, 2014 election, Modestino Romeo second the nomination. Ruth Gray moved to nominate Shermelle Schaffer and directed the commission that Ms. Schaffer was here today, Denise Turner second the nomination. Nominations were closed and following a hand vote, Michael Shaughnessy was elected to fill the vacant seat left by Kathy Pasquale.

Discussion was held in regards to the City of South Euclid 2015 Charter Review Timeline. Chairperson Fiorelli will prepare the Timeline and distribute it once he has completed it. The committee agreed on the following dates and will review the process to add more if needed.

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| Monday | January 5, 2015 |
| Thursday | January 22, 2015 |
| Monday | February 2, 2015 |
| Monday | February 16, 2015 |
| Monday | March 2, 2015 |
| Monday | March 16, 2015 |

All meetings to begin at 7pm

Mayor Welo will be securing either the Community Room at The South Euclid Municipal Complex or a room at the South Euclid Community Center. Mayor Welo will forward information to Chairmen Fiorelli to add to the time line.

Discussion was held regarding a Public Meeting and the final wrap up meeting. The committee has tentatively set Monday March 2, 2015 for the Public Meeting and Monday March 16, 2015 for the final wrap meeting. The committee discussed allowing enough time for the process once they completed their portion of the 2015 Charter Review. The process will continue with the proposed amendments being forward to the South Euclid City Council, Law Director and Clerk. The deadline to have proposed amendments to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections is September 4, 2015. A date of September 28, 2015 was discussed to have the Clerk mail a copy of proposed amendments to each elector. The General Election date is November 3, 2015.

Mayor Welo stated that she would forward the minutes to Chairperson Dennis Fiorelli to distribute to the members along with a roaster of the committee. Mayor Welo also stated that she would contact Webmaster Mark Geyman informing him that the chairman will be forwarding Committee information to be placed on the City of South Euclid web site.

The committee discussed purposed changes to the Charter and the decision was made to begin the process by members forwarding all purposed changes to the chair by December 31, 2014. Chairperson Fiorelli will compile the purposed changes to allow for discussion, giving the committee a starting point.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36pm

Respectfully submitted by Georgine Welo, Mayor
December 18, 2014

