

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY MEETING

Dec 29, 2011

The meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairman Brian Denniston at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Chairman. Attendance was taken. There were 14 people present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted by Mrs. Susskind and Mr. Ramirez. Pauline Dillard stated that the minutes were not complete and should be corrected.

She stated the following:

“Mr. Ramirez’s statement wasn’t complete-that Hispanics were left out when he said that 40% of the city was represented. The Commission should have taken the time to reach out to all nine wards in the city and get representation of all neighborhoods which would have included the Hispanics. Media outreach could have been much better.”

Pauline also stated that we must make sure that appointment of the redistricting committee is non-political and a good cross section of the city.

Susan Smith commented about commission and said that no Hispanics showed up to show interest and that no one was shut out.

Brenda McPhail said that the charter should be taken as a positive for the city.

Pauline Dillard commented on looking at each department for more efficiency

Jose Ramirez said that representatives were not representing committee – not making right decision for the people.

We broke for refreshments at 8:20 p.m. Meeting called back to order at 8:30 p.m.

Our chairman mentioned that there would be a press release out about vacancies on the committee and Brenda McPhail asked if there were members from Ward 3 district 1.

He also said that Michelle Kelson, the Corporation Counsel would be at our January 26th meeting to discuss what our role would be in the Charter Review and how the Redistricting Committee would work.

Brian Dennison made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Keller