

CHARTER COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 3, 1991
MAYOR'S LOUNGE

Members Present

James H. Cockett
Sherrilee K. Dodson
Dolores M. Fabrao
Annette M. Mondoy
Robert Nakasone
Victor G. Reyes
Allan R. Sparks
Anne M. Takabuki
Jamie Woodburn
Deborah K. Wright
Lloyd Yonenaka

Guests

Mayor Linda Crockett Lingle
Marylou Green (Mayor's Office)
Ed Tanji (Honolulu Advertiser)
Lila Fujimoto (Star Bulletin)

I. WELCOME

Mayor Linda Crockett Lingle welcomed the members and thanked them for serving on this important Commission. Press that were present were acknowledged. The Mayor advised Commission members to expect to have press at their meetings. Marylou Green was introduced by the Mayor as the support person until the Commission decides on how they want to handle clerical support.

The Mayor advised members that they have a budget of \$50,000 to be used as they deem necessary; e.g., part-time secretarial support, legal support, public relations support.

The Mayor informed members that she will always be available to them for any questions or concerns they may have during the course of their commission.

Member Al Sparks asked if it would be possible to obtain more than the budgeted \$50,000. The Mayor said it would be possible, with an amended budget, that must be approved by County Council.

A question was raised as to meeting places. The Mayor advised that other than the Mayor's lounge, they are welcome to use any of the other County conference rooms, such as Civil Defense or Planning.

Member Robert Nakasone requested information from the prior Commission, especially relating to its budget. The Mayor will attempt to get this information.

It was brought up that the \$50,000 would also be used for travel/per diem. It was suggested that a budget be worked on soon so it can be presented to County Council as soon as possible.

Financial disclosure statements will be mailed to all members.

Being that there were no further questions or concerns from the members, the Mayor again extended her best wishes, expressed her appreciation, and excused herself.

II. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

Each member introduced him/herself to the group and gave a brief personal history.

III. SELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

After some discussion it was moved by Ms. Dodson that Robert Nakasone be nominated as Chairman. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Nakasone moved that Sherrilee Dodson be nominated as Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded and carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Distribution of Information to Members

Chairman Nakasone requested the Commission be mailed, prior to their next meeting, former Commission reports, budgets, and other County Charters. Ms. Dodson has the County Charter from San Diego and will distribute it to all members. Mr. Sparks advised he has a model city charter and will distribute it to all members.

B. Meeting Place, Telephone Number

Discussion was had regarding permanent space and obtaining a telephone number. No decision was made. This may be taken up at a later time.

Discussion was had regarding the meeting place and having it in a County office. The Charter states ". . . shall be held in county building or other publicly owned place." It was therefore decided it would be acceptable to hold meetings at a school or other public facility, even though not County-owned.

C. Charter Revision Suggestions from the Public

Mr. Reyes inquired as to how to handle inquiries from individuals or organizations personally known to each commission member. The Commission agreed it would be acceptable to listen to any suggested revisions and to advise people to submit their ideas in writing.

D. Incoming Mail

It was suggested the Commission obtain a post office box. It was agreed Vice-Chair Dodson would check if the Kahului Post Office had boxes available. She goes there daily and would be able to check the Commission's mail.

V. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 18, 1991, at 4:00 p.m., in the Mayor's lounge.

At the next meeting the budget and a timetable will be prepared.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Robert Nakasone ^(mg) 7/18/91
Robert Nakasone, Chairman Date