

**City of Bend Charter Review Committee Minutes
November 14, 2017**

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Charter Review Committee was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, in the Council Chambers at Bend City Hall, 710 NW Wall. Present were committee members Bill Galaway, Co-Chair, Brent Landels, Co-Chair, Richard Ross, Kathleen Meehan Coop, Chad Sage, Dan Fishkin, Anne George, Don Leonard and Angela Chisum. Stephanie Senner was excused.

Also present: Bruce Abernethy, Justin Livingston - City Councilors, Eric King, City Manager, Mary Winters, City Attorney, Robyn Christie, City Recorder, and Julia Shumway, Bend Bulletin.

2. Accept Meeting Minutes from October 24, 2017

Meeting minutes were approved.

3. Discuss 4 ward system, 30 minutes, binding vote

- a. Vote by ward or city wide**
- b. Which map**
- c. Super ward/district or at large**

Mr. Ross shared the Bend Urban Form diagram to demonstrate where the city is headed over the next 50 years. He looked for communities of common interest. Scenario 2 provided the connection of the central core. He favored voting by ward with a 4 ward system and 2 at large.

Mr. Sage agreed with Mr. Ross. He preferred at large selection.

Mr. Fishkin preferred a 3 ward system because Councilors would be elected in the same manner. He wanted all citywide or all by ward.

Mr. Leonard liked candidates elected from within the ward to improve contact with candidates and bring down the cost of running. Scenario 4 looks a little simpler although he was not opposed to scenario 2. He supported electing 2 Councilors at large.

Ms. Chisum preferred scenario 2 with citywide voting to eliminate any question of gerrymandering and ensure that Councilors represent the entire city.

Ms. Meehan Coop chose scenario 2. She liked the super ward idea but it didn't have Council support and seemed confusing. She supported 2 at large Councilors.

Mr. Landels preferred scenario 4 with boundaries along the Parkway and Highway 20 because it makes it easier to understand geographically. He wanted Councilors elected by voters in the ward. He supported a district/super ward so that no ward would have a majority.

Mr. Galaway preferred scenario 2 with voting by ward. He was opposed to the super ward idea because it added confusion.

Ms. George liked scenario 2. She was undecided on citywide or ward voting.

a. Vote by ward or city wide – Mr. Leonard moved to vote for the candidate within the ward by the ward. Mr. Sage seconded the motion. Passed 6-2. (Mr. Fishkin and Ms. Chisum opposed, Ms. George abstained).

b. Which map – Mr. Landels moved to select scenario 4. Mr. Fishkin seconded the motion. Failed 7-2. (Mr. Leonard and Mr. Landels supported).

Ms. Chisum moved to select scenario 2. Mr. Sage seconded the motion. Passed 7-2. (Mr. Leonard and Mr. Landels opposed).

c. Super ward/district or at large

Ms. George moved to have 4 wards with 2 Councilors elected at large. Ms. Chisum seconded the motion. Passed 7-2. (Mr. Landels and Mr. Fishkin opposed).

Scenario 2, 4 ward system elected by ward with the two remaining positions to be elected at large, with an elected mayor.

4. Discuss 3 ward system, 30 minutes, binding vote

a. Vote by ward or city wide

b. Which map

Ms. Meehan Coop had concern with waiting until 2020 for an elected mayor. She liked the opportunity to have 2 representatives from each area. She was ok with a citywide vote. She leaned toward scenario 1.

Ms. Chisum preferred scenario 1 although it may be a bit confusing. She was on board with citywide voting.

Mr. Leonard commented on the larger geographic area of wards with this option. He stated they were too large.

Mr. Fishkin preferred 3 wards. He supported citywide voting and scenario 2.

Mr. Sage chose scenario 2 with Councilors elected within the ward.

Mr. Ross did not support a 3 ward option because the area was too large.

Ms. George had concern with a later vote for mayor. She preferred to recommend one scenario to Council.

Mr. Galaway favored a 3 ward system. In the future it could transition from a 3 ward system to a six ward system. He liked the continuity. Scenario 1 keeps UGB expansion areas together.

Mr. Landels was not in support of 3 wards. Of the options, he preferred scenario 1 elected by ward.

a. Vote by ward or city wide – Mr. Fishkin moved to propose to Council a 3 ward system with voting for Councilors citywide. Mr. Leonard seconded the motion. Failed 5-4. (Ms. Chisum, Ms. George, Mr. Fishkin and Ms. Meehan Coop supported).

Mr. Landels moved to have election by ward. Mr. Sage seconded the motion. Passed 5-4. (Ms. Chisum, Ms. George, Mr. Fishkin and Ms. Meehan Coop opposed).
b. Which map – Mr. Landels moved to recommend scenario 1. Ms. Chisum seconded the motion. Passed 5-4. (Mr. Leonard, Mr. Sage, Mr. Fishkin and Mr. Leonard opposed).

3 Ward Scenario 1 elected by ward.

- 5. Which ward system to present to the council, 15 minutes, binding vote**
 - a. Which ward system do we favor**
 - b. Will we present one ward proposal or two**

The committee discussed whether to present multiple options to the Council.

Mr. Leonard moved to present Council with one recommendation for the preferred 4 ward option as previously discussed. Ms. Meehan Coop seconded the motion. Passed 7-2. (Mr. Galaway and Mr. Fishkin opposed).

Scenario 2, 4 ward system elected by ward with the two remaining positions to be elected at large, with an elected mayor. *(will show all maps in the presentation)*

- 6. Mayor term discussion, 2 year or 4 year, (pay if time)** – not discussed
- 7. Agenda for next meeting, November 28**
- 8. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Christie
City Recorder