

Minutes  
Charter Review Commission  
Human Services Committee  
February 17, 2006

Attendance: Commissioners, Donna E. Rice, Ronald Smith, Joan Lillis, Angelo Sedita,  
Commissioner for Parks, Recreation and Forestry, guest speaker  
Absent: Commissioner George K. Arthur, Analyst Hank Bromley

The meeting of the committee was called to order at 8:05AM.

Commissioner Rice welcomed Angelo Sedita and gave an overview of the work of the commission. Commissioner Sedita proceeded to give a full overview of his department and address the items in the committee survey. This included strategic plans and changes in staffing and overall direction as a result of massive layoffs due to budget cuts and constraints. He outlined the successes of the department in the areas of effective collaborations and partnerships, consolidations, and revenue generating projects and new programs established under his leadership. He gave a full overview of the forestry initiative, master plan for the parks and golf courses as well as the inventory initiative of equipment and supplies. He advised the committee that his department is not governed by state or federal mandates and has historically been funded 100% from county resources. There isn't any state or federal grants that funds particular projects/programs in his department. The committee commenced with a question and answer period and reviewed Article 7 of the charter with Mr. Sedita. Commissioner Sedita spoke to proposed recommendations and additions to the charter. The committee requested he submit his proposed additions and deletions to the committee for further review and consideration. He was advised that all proposed changes would be submitted to the overall commission for review. The committee thanked Mr. Sedita for attending.

The committee discussed the form of Government Issue and reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule. Commissioner Lillis requested that Larry Rubin attend the meeting with ECMC, CEO, and Michael Young on March 13<sup>th</sup>. An email will go out to him requesting he attend. The chairperson announced there will be no meeting the week of February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.