

City of Reading Charter Board

April 17, 2012- 7:00 pm

Penn Room

Members Present: Susan Gibson, John Slifko, Gerry Richter, Elizabeth Stanley

Members Absent: None

Members of Public and Invited Guests: None

I. Administration

- The Board's next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday May 1, 2012.
- Mr. Slifko's application for reappointment has been remitted. The Board has had no word regarding a replacement for the vacant seat left by Mr. Lloyd's resignation.
- Ms. Gibson reported there has been no right to know requests.
- The Board has encountered some difficulty with issuance of the RFP for Investigative Officer. The RFP issued April 17, 2012 is fatally flawed and not consistent with the language the Board forwarded for the document. The Board agrees by consensus to the following which will be communicated to the purchasing Department via Eric Smith:
 - The city should print an immediate retraction of the RFP in the Reading Eagle,
 - The city should cease all distribution of the RFP as it is currently written,
 - A corrected RFP should be re-published, and re-distributed, only after approval by the Board.
- The Board notes the passage of Bill # 39-2012 which rescinds Ordinance # 59-2010 in its entirety. This ordinance repeals the non-Charter compliant provisions for removal of Charter Board Members.
- The Board notes enabling legislation establishing the Charter Review Commission.
- Board dialogue regarding communication the PA DCED will be deferred to the 5/1/12 meeting.

II. Education

- Deferred at present as per previous minutes.

III. Advisory

- No current requests for Advisory Opinion

IV. Enforcement

- The Board chair noted the following regarding Reading City Council vs. City of Reading Charter Board – Civil Action No. 11-14382, No. 29 CD 2012 (Final Order of Investigation #31, on appeal to Commonwealth Court);

-Receipt of the Appellant's designation of the parts of the record intended to be reproduced and a brief statement of issues to be presented for review, filed April 10, 2012 by City Solicitor Charles Younger.

-The board reviewed a draft of its counter-designation of contents of the reproduced record, which will be filed April 20th.

- The Board Chair was notified that Investigation #32 has been initiated through a complaint received by the Investigative Officer on March 23, 2012. Jurisdiction has been determined and the preliminary investigation is underway.

V. Closing –Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm