Cully Association of Neighbors General Meeting Minutes
Online Meeting 12/14//21 7-9pm

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Board Introductions and Roles
4. Welcoming new folks
5. Approval of Agenda* and November General Meeting Minutes*
6. City of Portland Charter Commission: Presentation by Commissioner Candace Avalos, Commissioner Salome Chimuku, and Project Manager Julia Meier
7. Cully Air Action Team (CAAT) updates
8. Break
9. Officer and Committee Liaison report out
10. Upcoming events and public announcements
11. Delta/Plus Meeting Evaluation
12. ADJOURNMENT*

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Welcome

- Cully Neighborhood Association (Co-host, me)
- Vena Rainwater (Host)
- Julia Meier (she/her), Project Manager
- Aaron Filipowsky (he/him)
- Andrea McDaniel
- Annette Pronk she/her
- Bob Granger
- Candace Avalos
- Cesar Augusto
- Chris Browne
- David Sweet
- Doug Decker
- Gregory Sotir
- Judy Heumann
- Kiki and Rachel
- Salomé Chimuku (She/Her/Hers)
- Sarah Crawford
- Talia Kahn-Kravis
- Tess Kelly
- Zoe

Land Acknowledgement
Annette reads land acknowledgement

Board Introductions and Roles
Board members in attendance: Annette Pronk, Chris Browne, David Sweet, Gregory Sotir, Isha Leinow (secretary), Talia Kahn-Kravis (facilitating), Vena Rainwater

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Welcoming New Folks
Andrea McDaniel, neighbor
Doug Decker, neighbor (interested in history of Cully, NE)
KiKi, program director at Alder Commons
Aaron Filipowsky

Approval of Agenda* and November General Meeting Minutes*
Agenda: Bob Granger - motion to approve, Vena Rainwater seconds. Agenda approved.
Meeting minutes: Sarah Crawford Motion to approve, Gregory Sotir seconds.

City of Portland Charter Commission: Presentation by Commissioner Candace Avalos, Commissioner Salome Chimuku, and Project Manager Julia Meier

Julia Meier
-20 min presentation of charter review, 15 mins Q + A
-Charter is a constitution for the city (powers and fundamentals of government)
-Meant to be short, not amended often. Only be a vote of the people

-Charter commission reviews and recommends changes to charter every 10 years (Dec 2020 commission appointed) to review/recommend changes (Charter Review Process) - in progress now.
-20 members on commission. Can promote ballot initiatives on a fast track. Only Portlanders can approve the charter.

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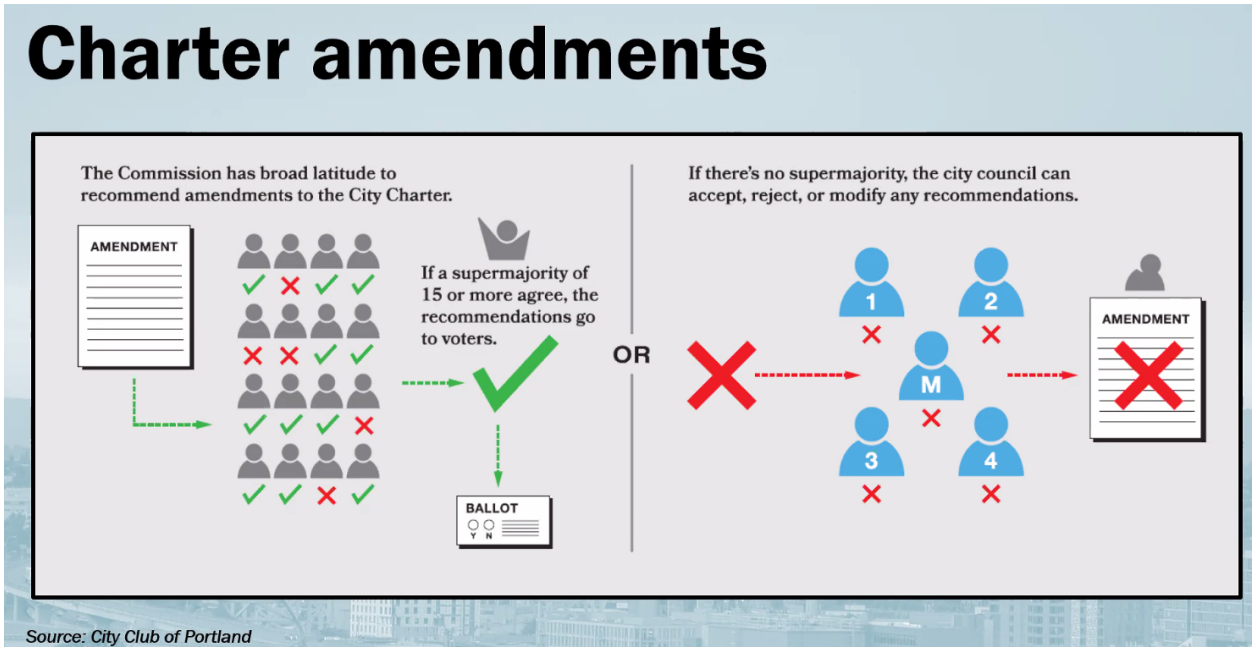

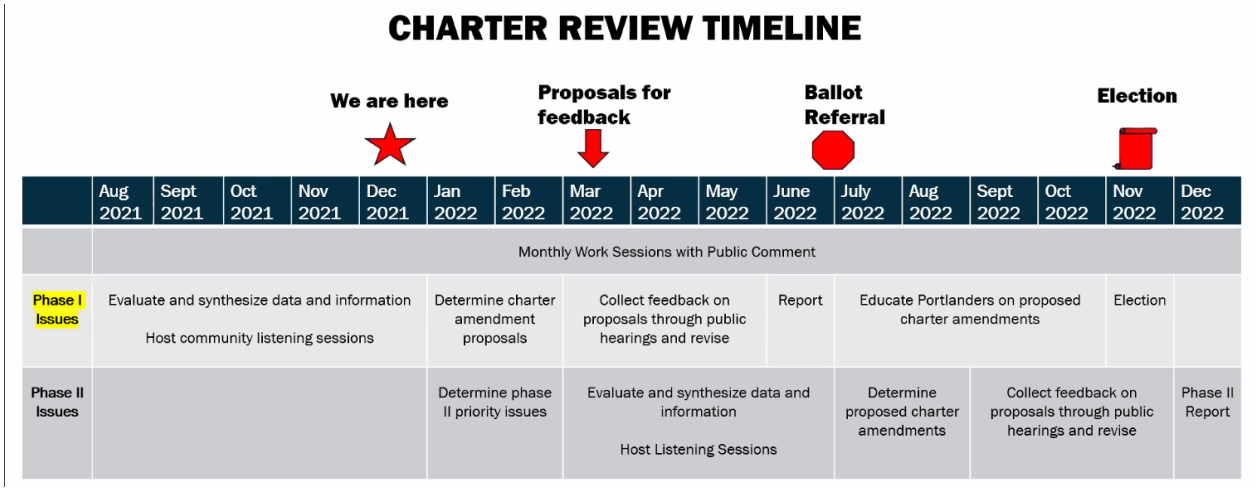

Phase 1 - 2 issues: form of government and city council elections (hope to get onto Nov 2022 ballot). Charter commission has to vote on amendments no later than beginning of July for recommendations.

Phase 2 -

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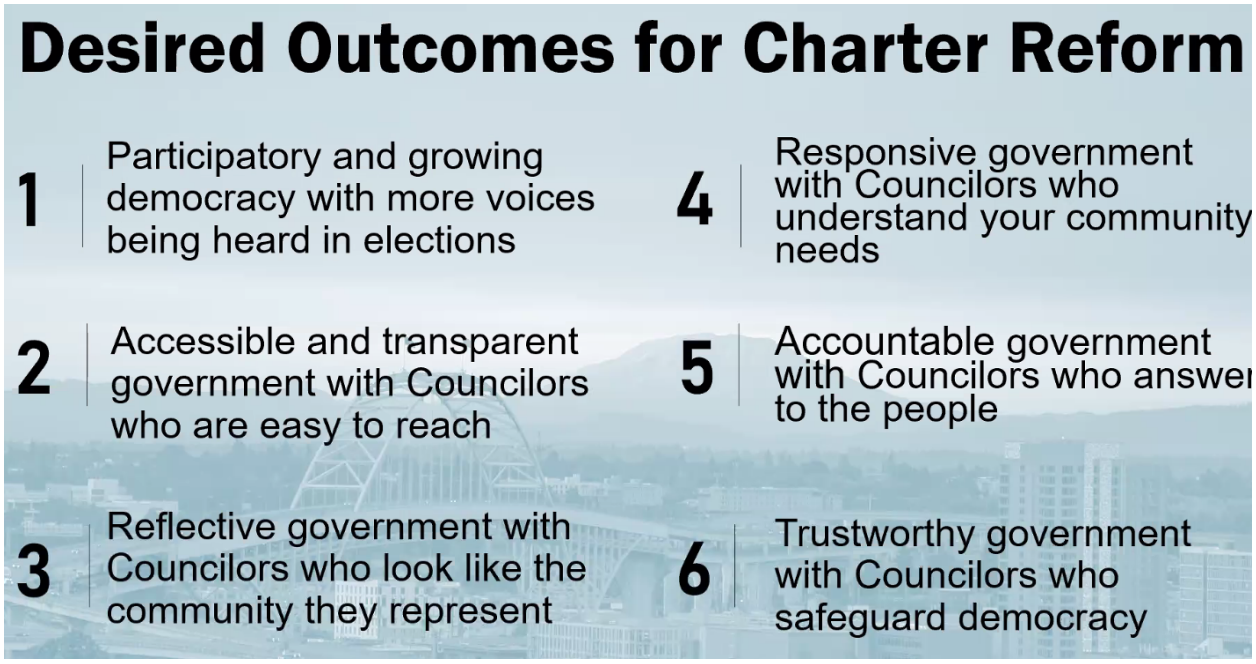
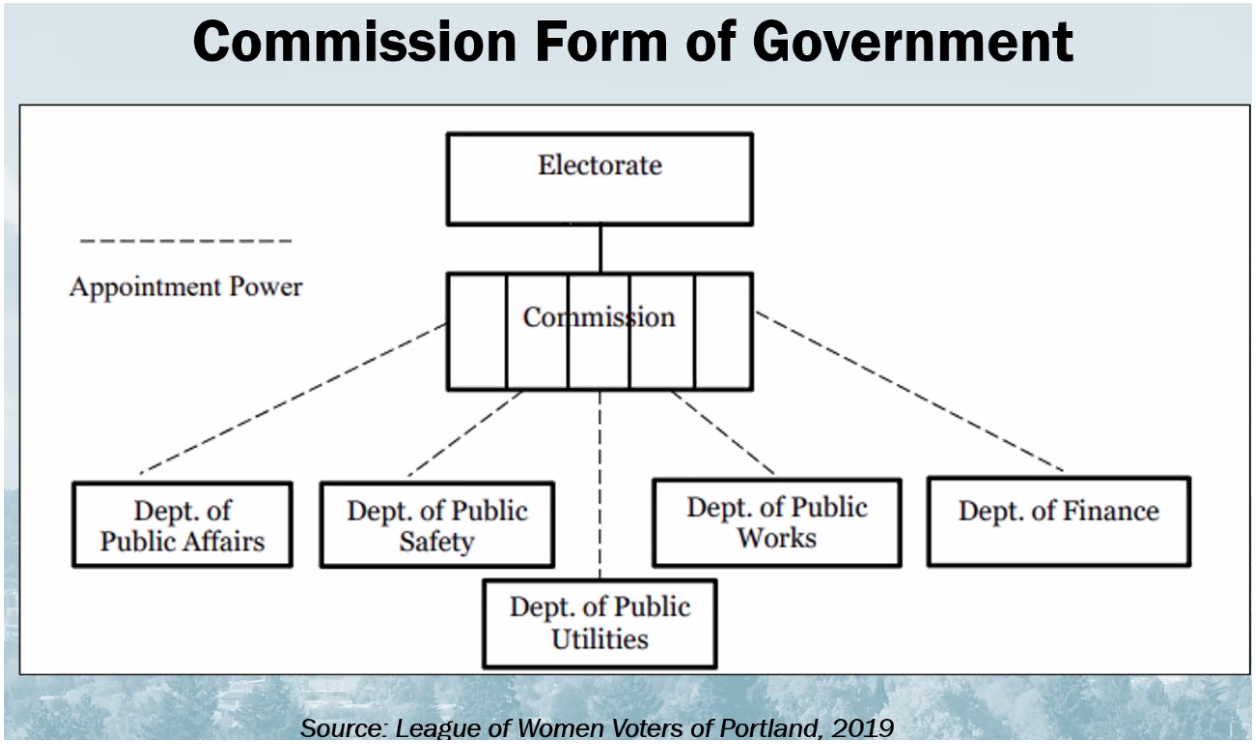


Candace Avalos (Commissioner and Verde ED)



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Form of Government Committee: Study Questions

Legislative Authority: Who should have the power to make the laws?

Executive Authority: Who should have the power to carry out the laws?

Mayor is a member of Council: Should the Mayor be a member of City Council?

Mayor votes with Council: Should the Mayor vote with Council?

Mayor has veto authority: Should the Mayor have veto authority?

Appointment & removal of Chief Administrative Officer or City Manager: Who should be able to appoint and remove a CAO or City Manager?

Appointment & removal of bureau directors: Who should be able to appoint and remove bureau directors?

Policy development: Who should be responsible for developing policy?

Prepare budget: Who should be responsible for preparing the budget?

Identified Issue - council not able to hear community needs with current form

Form of Government Committee: Areas of Agreement

- Increase the size of City Council
- Remove the role of Commissioner-in-Charge of bureaus from Commissioners and shift the management authority elsewhere
- Cleary (re)define the roles and responsibilities of the Mayor and City Council

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Early recommendations - Not yet approved by full commission.

Commissioner Salome Chimuku -

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Portland's Current City Council Elections

Constituency

City leaders elected at-large (citywide)

Voting System

Winner-take-all (candidate with the most votes wins)

Timing of Elections

Primary (May) & General election (November)

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City Council Elections Committee: Study Questions

Elected offices: Which offices should be elected by the people?

Council constituency: What should the constituency of Councilors be? Examples include at-large, district, or a mixture of at-large and district. If the Committee recommends districts, how should they be drawn.

Council size: How many City Councilors should we have to fulfill the work of Portland?

Form of voting: What form of voting should we use to elect city elected offices? Should our system retain a winner-take-all/loser has none approach?

Timing of elections: Should we have a two-round system that includes a primary and a general election? Should local elections be aligned with the presidential general election?

Expanding democracy: Who should have the ability to vote on Portland's elected leaders? Who should have the ability to take part in direct democracy ballot measures?

Campaign finance: How can funds be raised and spent? What is the role of public financing?

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City Council Elections Committee Areas of Agreement

- Increase the size of City Council
- Shift to a form of voting that allows for a result in one election and captures people's preferences

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Next Steps:

Recommendations Template

- What change are you proposing?
- What problems are you trying to address?
- How has this problem benefited or burdened Black, indigenous, people of color, immigrant and refugees, people with disabilities, LGBTQIA+, those experiencing houselessness, and Portlanders historically left out of City Hall decision making?
- How does this change align with our desired outcomes?
- Who might benefit from or be burdened by this change?
- What are the arguments against this proposal?
- Are there other examples of this change?
- Any individuals or organizations consulted
- List of citations

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Q+A

-Why has Portland not evolved the structure sooner? -10 year provision is new. There was one in 1922 and 2007. This is the 3rd one in a hundred years? Also lots of growth in last 30 years, so change wasn't as necessary or needed previously.

-Where can people volunteer to get word out? CCC - Coalition of communities of color. Help voters vote for it when recommendations come out.

-**What are the phase 2 issues?** Phase II issues have not been decided and we want to hear from Portlanders about what you want the Commission to take on in phase II. Commissioners have some ideas and some issues are emerging through public comment.

-Alternative forms - How can they reduce conflict between bureaus, and by council memebers and their bureaus? Commissioners managing bureaus directly is not ideal. City Manager council or mayor council could be alternatives. Manager or Mayer overseeing city manager overseeing bureaus.

-I was excited to see that NYC just allowed non-citizens the right to vote in city elections. Is this something being considered in Portland as well? The Commission has talked about it and interested in it. Oregon gives a lot of authority to make local decisions… It is on the charter commission's radar and the City Council Elections Committee have started researching the topic. The Committee is currently recommending that it be a phase II issue around a broader theme of democracy growth.

-**City manager - would they be appointed or elected?** Want a solution that the people can influence the people who are in city hall.

Break

Cully Air Action Team (CAAT) updates

Working with DEQ to initiative Owen's Brockway Supplemental Environmental Project. Clean air Oregon allows them to offset and send funds the clean the air. Approx. $529K to be used in local project. We have a few ideas. In Jan would like to brainstorm ideas for community

members can be part of decision making process - school air filtration, air filtres for households, households weatherizations, air monitors in Cully, EV buses, green diesel grant for conversations, rteeee barrier to clean air. Owen's not agree yet, but DEQ will probably enforce it (not let Owen's decide on the project).
-Will purple air monitor be an option? Possibly.
-will the group be looking at these air quality projects through an anti-displacement lens?
-will this next meeting be open to anyone to join, and how can we help spread the word if so?
-Can we use next meeting to brainstorm on the topic? ideally, and use anti-displacement lens. Living Cully and Verde have reached out to their constituents as well to bring ideas back to the working group.
-Need more education for community - DEQ bureaucracy hard to navigate. Cullycleanair.org has good info on contaminants, etc.

Officer and Committee Liaison report out

Gregory - Cully Air Action Team - see above

David Sweet - Transportation and Land Use Committee meeting

- Pacific corp, electric company covers NE portland, has closed property behind Comcast building off Killingsworth. Pacific corp wants to build service center, which is lowest impact use we will see at location. They may be able to present Jan 18th, and TLC meeting. Confirming if PBOT can E of Cully Blvd and N. of Prescott planned for next year. Would send out small trucks which would not use back up alarms.

Vena Rainwater - Treasurer's report

- Operating income: $2,478.12
- Operating expense: $1,185.94
- Bank balance: $23,589.18
- Motion to approve Treasurer's report: Chris motions to approve, Zoe seconds.
- **Vote:** Majority present in favor. None opposed.None abstains. Motion passes.

Isha Leinow, Grievance Committee - Heard Chris Browne's grievance. Deliberating and will make recommendation by Jan 28th, 2021.

Michael Morrisey - Parks and Recs
-Board elected as Michael orrisey as Parks and Recs liaison

Announcements:
-Board elections next April - will be at least 2 uncontested positions
-Zoe - Cesar Agusto helped connect to get 30 ukuleles and neighbors matched $800 plus a private donation!

-Jan 10-15 community classes at Alder Commons - cooking in commissary kitchen, plus English open house (5:30) and Spanish (6:30). Jan 22nd BIPOC open house. Finger drawing class, white supremacy workshop and more.

Delta/Plus

Deltas

From Andrea McDaniel to Everyone 08:31 PM
I have nothing
From Judy Heumann to Everyone 08:31 PM
Great presentation! It's helpful to understand our city governance better.
From Sarah Crawford to Everyone 08:31 PM
I suggest waiting a little bit longer in the awkward silence to allow people to speak up / ask questions :)
From David Sweet to Everyone 08:31 PM
Not a thing
From Tess Kelly to Everyone 08:31 PM
I can't think of anything. . .
From Annette Pronk she/her to Everyone 08:31 PM
With a smaller group - we might want to give folks more opportunity to share.
From Me to Everyone 08:31 PM
Meeting started late
From Zoe to Everyone 08:31 PM
Granted I'm quite busy andmaybewansnt paying attention, but I don't think the description of what the charter commission was
From Vena Rainwater to Everyone 08:31 PM
Better intro to the city presentation :-)

Plus

From Zoe to Everyone 08:33 PM
Cully is great. I like you all.
From Annette Pronk she/her to Everyone 08:33 PM
New attendees and returnees!
From Sarah Crawford to Everyone 08:33 PM
I am so excited for the Charter Review. I have been following along but did not know these commissioners lived/work in Cully. Honored to have them join our mtg and hope you can share the recording far and wide!
From Vena Rainwater to Everyone 08:33 PM
Very relevant info from the city, excited to learn about it
From Annette Pronk she/her to Everyone 08:33 PM
Informative presentation.
From David Sweet to Everyone 08:33 PM

Ending on time.
From Tess Kelly to Everyone 08:33 PM
I thought the city charter presenters did a great job. Cully rocks!
From Andrea McDaniel to Everyone 08:33 PM
The information from the commissioners was important along with the air emissions info
From César Augusto to Everyone 08:33 PM
open dialogue
From Bob Granger to Everyone 08:33 PM
The presentation topic was very helpful
From Aaron Filipowsky to Everyone 08:33 PM
maybe a TOPIC box in the agenda description?
From Kiki and Rachel to Everyone 08:33 PM
Great connections!
From Me to Everyone 08:33 PM
Great content and easy flow
From Annette Pronk she/her to Everyone 08:33 PM
Cesar and his community contributions
From Tess Kelly to Everyone 08:33 PM
ukuleles
From Vena Rainwater to Everyone 08:34 PM
Ukuleles!

Adjourn:
Vena Rainwater motions . Sarah Crawford seconds. Meeting adjourned.