

Meeting Date
May 20, 2010



AGENDA	
Proposal #	53
Item No.	X. G.

AGENDA REPORT
BREVARD COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

SUBJECT: New sub section in Section 3: Citizens Process for Advising County Manager

PETITIONER: Carolyn J. Fausnaugh

Requested Action:
Requesting Charter Review Commission consider approval of a Charter Amendment requiring the County Manager to develop procedures whereby resident individuals or self-organizing groups of individuals can submit formal written recommendations for change supported by research and justification to the Office of the County Manager for consideration on a semi-annual basis.

Summary Explanation & Background:
Ideas for changes in the delivery of services to county residents may not require the involvement of the Board of County Commissioners. Indeed, under the County Charter, the Board of County Commissioners may be prohibited under Section 3.4 of the Charter from direct involvement in many facets of county government operations.

Simultaneously, it is the County Manager whose responsibilities include the efficient delivery of services. Where the Board of County Commissioners determines what is to be done, the County Manager is responsible for how it is done.

This proposal suggests the County Manager develop a process for accessing knowledge from the community, thus the manager has the capacity to both devise and revise the process as learning occurs over time.

The proposal suggests the process developed by the County Manager include the following provisions:
Procedures include semi- annual filing dates.
Procedures include a formal process for review and response within 120 days of filing date.
Possible Responses are specified to be one of the following three:

1. No interest with a statement as to rationale for denial.
2. Plan for implementation
3. Deferral with request for further clarification or additional information. Original recommender has 90 days to respond. A deferral cannot be invoked more than three times before an up or down decision must be made.

The strength of the recommendation is the formality of the process, the self-nomination of interested individuals, the ability for individuals with common concerns to self-organize to develop best solutions to their perceived problems and the positive approach to problem solving or suggestions for improved efficiency and effectiveness of county government.

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Exhibits Attached:
None

Reviewed by Administrative Secretary/Chairman Yes No

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