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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Minutes of June 5, 2019

The meeting of the Cambridge Election Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on June 5, at 51 Inman Street. Present were Commissioner Charles Marquardt, Commissioner Larry Ward, Commissioner Ethridge King, Executive Director Tanya Ford, Assistant Director Lesley Waxman, and members of the public. Commissioner Harris was not in attendance.

I: MINUTES

The minutes of May 22, 2019 were reviewed and accepted with corrections

Motion: To approve the Minutes of May 22, 2019 with corrections

Moved: Commissioner Ward

Seconded: Commissioner Marquardt

Passed: 3-0

II: REPORTS

Executive Director's Report—Verbal

The Executive Director asked the Commissioners to help her find a Cambridge related picture for the cover of the 2019 Street Listing Book

The Election Commission will have voter registration stations at the Fresh Pond Day event, being held on June 15, from 11am to 3pm, and the Hoops and Health event also being on June 15, from 11am to 4pm at Hoyt Field

Commissioner Ward will attend the Hoop and Health event and Commissioner King will attend the Fresh Pond Day event

Assistant Director's Report – R1

Statement of Financial Interests, as of June 5, 67 filers had not file. The Assistant Director will send out formal notices of failure to file next week

The Assistant Director asked the board to approve the updated policies for the Municipal Election Candidate Packets

R3—Policy 97.1 Voter List (File) Policy & Fee Schedule

Motion: Remove gender from the extract (gender is no longer included in the VRS)

Moved: Commissioner Ward

Seconded: Commissioner Marquardt

Passed: 3-0

R4—Policy 97.2 Street Listing Policy & Fee Schedule

Motion: Remove gender from the Street Listing Book

Moved: Commissioner Ward

Seconded: Commissioner Marquardt

Passed: 3—0

R5—Policy 99.1 Availability of Voter History

Motion: Accept word changes

#1 Omit "and/or hard copy"

#2 Add "for General Elections"

#3 Omit "and hard copy" and add "Please specify which elections(s) you are requesting"

R6—Policy 87.1 Municipal Campaign & Political Finance Report Files

Motion: Accept word changes

#1 (b) Replace long URL with shorter URL

#4 Add the word "Local" and remove the reference to City Council depository candidates

Moved: Commissioner Ward

Seconded: Commissioner Marquardt

Passed: 3—0

I COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Ward reported that 1232 A Cambridge Street is not a valid address

Commissioner King reported that the Executive Director, Assistant Director, Commissioner Harris and Commissioner King attended the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee on May 28. Also in attendance were Councilors Toomey, Carlone, Siddiqui and the Committee Chair, Councilor Devereux. From the Public were former Commissioner Poly Cobb, Jeffrey McNary, Robert Winters and Gary Mello

The City Council Policy Order 9.1 requested that the City Manager direct the City Solicitor and the Executive Director to attend the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee meeting to answer questions regarding the proposed change to the Municipal Ballots to cap the number of ovals to 15

The Chair, Commissioner Harris, gave opening remarks at the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee meeting detailing the timeline for the outreach efforts that were made by the Election Commission to inform the public, elected officials, and other stakeholders about the proposed ballot change to limit the number of ovals to 15

The councilors asked questions and made comments. In the end, the Councilors voiced their support for the proposal, with the exception of Councilor Toomey who voiced his opposition

Robert Winter's spoke, he gave an incisive historical perspective in support of the proposal

IV: PUBLIC COMMENT

in attendance: Robert Winters, Jeffrey McNary and Gary Mello

Jeffrey McNary—spoke about today being the 51st anniversary of Robert F. Kennedy's death. He went onto say this event was the reason he got involved in politics. Robert Winters added that RFK was also an influence on his decision to get involved in politics

V: ACTION AGENDA

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Next meeting will be held on June 19, 2019 at 5:30 PM


Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:02 PM

Moved: Commissioner Ward

Seconded: Commissioner Marquardt

Passed: 3-0

A True Record

Attested by: 
Ethridge King, Secretary