

Minutes
Charlotte Assembly 2013
Steering Committee Meeting
August 27, 2013

3:00pm: The steering Committee Meeting was called to order

In Attendance: Dr. Robert Peterson (Facilitator), Matthew D. Donatelli (Scribe), Kelly Shoemaker, Mr. Bill Abbatematteo, Ms. Katherine Ariens, Mr. Chris Beers, Dr. Joyce Cream, Mr. Andy Dodd, Mr. Barney Duffy, Mr. Lindsay Harrington, Mr. David Haynes, Mr. John Hitzel, Mr. Howard Kunik, Ms. Julie Mathis, Mr. John Polk, Ms. Julie Price, Dr. Thomas Rath, Mr. Bill Schafer, Mr. John Stanwix, Mr. Joe Tiseo, and Mr. Steve Vieira.

Absent: Mr. Scott Barber, Mr. Richard Hoagland, Dr. Pat Land, Ms. Marie Mclvor, Ms. Theresa Murtha, Dr. Thomas Noone, and Ms. Susan Swanson.

3:05pm: Dr. Robert Peterson welcomed the committee and informed them that he had compiled the questions that were drafted by the committee groups during the last meeting.

3:08pm: There was a motion to approve the meeting minutes for August 20, 2013.

3:09pm: The motion to approve the minutes was passed by the committee.

3:10pm: Group started discussion concerning the online registration for the October Charlotte County Assembly:

Major points of interest included:

- The committee members need to register themselves and their nominees.
- They can do it here at the meeting today online at the front of the room.
- Interested participants have until Thursday, August 22, to register.
- All Demographics are important.
- There has been 27 public names submitted already.
- The committee still needs the contact information and names for the interested High School participants.
- Overall it looks like 2/3 of the participants will come from the committee and 13 from the public.

3:15pm: A proposal for outside county residents to participate in the charlotte county is brought to the committee.

- If these people live outside the county but own land inside the county should they be able to participate?
 - o There was a thought that only residents in the county should be participating in the assembly

- Agreed but this person owns a substantial amount of land in the county and is very interested in participating.
 - He pays taxes on his land = tax payers' rights.
 - He has a strong interest in the environment.
- What about business owners that live outside the county but own businesses in Charlotte County? Do they have the right to participate?
- There should be a vote.
- A hand vote would make it simple.
- A committee member said that each committee member's choices should be trusted to participate. It should be his vote not the committees.

3:20pm: A motion to vote on whether outside residents can participate in the Charlotte County Assembly was brought to the committee.

- Dr. Peterson addressed the committee about the Motion.
- There was concern about the motion taking up too much of the committee's time.

3:21pm: The motion to vote on whether outside residents could participate in the Charlotte County Assembly was removed.

3:25pm: Dr. Peterson asked Mr. Kunik about the United Way September assessment to use in the Assembly.

- Mr. Kunik agreed that he would get the assessment to Dr. Peterson.
- Dr. Peterson agreed that he would distribute the assessment to all of the committee members.

3:27pm: Dr. Peterson explained that he provided a list of all the interested applicants currently signed up for the October Charlotte Assembly.

- Dr. Peterson asked each member to check to see if their names and their nominee's names were on the list.
- Dr. Peterson explained that the list will be re-published to the committee electronically as well.
- There were people signed up multiple times.

3:30pm: Group started discussion concerning the Questions for the October Assembly groups and participants:

The following questions were voted to be the best regarding the demographics of the county and the topic under review:

- Economic Development
 - What role should the County government play in economic development?
 - How do we want to brand our community?

- In what ways can we apply what we have learned from the County's past economic development experiences?
- How can the County government expedite the permitting process?
- Public Safety
 - What should the County government's role be in addressing the issue of substance abuse?
 - What can the County do for community outreach regarding crime prevention?
 - What is Charlotte County's role regarding to mental health services and public safety?
- Growth Management
 - What should the County's philosophy be toward growth management and development?
 - What changes, if any, are needed to the existing road network and/or other transportation facilities or services to preserve or enhance Charlotte County's economy, quality of life and emergency management?
 - What is the role of Charlotte County government in addressing architectural standards, signage, landscaping and other building development issues?
 - In what ways, if any, should Charlotte County government be more restrictive than the regulations of other agencies?
- Quality of Life
 - What changes, if any, can be made to Charlotte County codes to improve the quality of life?
 - What is Charlotte County government's role in protecting water quality in the harbor, Gulf, and coastal areas?

5:00pm: Committee is adjourned and meeting is called to an end.