



Citizens' Initiative Review Commission
Commission Meeting



9:00 a.m., Thursday, January 30, 2014
School of Urban & Public Affairs
Portland State University
506 S.W. Mill St., Room 611
Portland, OR 97201

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jerry Hudson, Chair
James Huffman, Vice-Chair
Ann Bakkensen
Mary Forst
Robin Gumpert
Kay Ogden
Marion Sharp

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Daniel Esqueda

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT PRESENT:

Tony Iaccarino, Administrative Coordinator

GUESTS PRESENT:

Ned Crosby

Call to Order

Jerry Hudson, Chair, called the meeting of the Citizens' Initiative Review Commission (CIRC) to order at 9:10 a.m., Thursday, January 30, 2014, at the School of Urban & Public Affairs, Portland State University, 506 SW Mill Street, Room 611, Portland. Roll was called.

Approval of Minutes – December 11, 2013

Ann Bakkensen made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2013 meeting. Kay Ogden seconded the motion. Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Financial Report

Hudson introduced the CIRC financial report containing information regarding revenues and expenditures for the 2013-2015 biennium as of January 27, 2014. He noted a current balance of \$20,999.

Review of Proposed Administrative Rules

Hudson introduced the minutes of the January 29, 2014 Administrative Rules Hearing regarding three proposed administrative rules: 710-001-0000 (Notice of Proposed Rulemaking), 710-001-0005 (Model Rules of Procedure), and 710-005-0005 (Commission Budget). Tony Iaccarino served as presiding officer for the January 29 hearing, with one member of the CIRC, Marion Sharp, also present. No members of the public attended the hearing and no written comments were submitted prior to the public comment deadline of January 29, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. Given the absence of public comment, Sharp made a motion that the three rules be adopted as proposed and that they be filed with the Secretary of State. Ann Bakkensen seconded the motion. Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Review of Administrative and Program Services Proposals

Hudson introduced two proposals to provide administrative and/or program services for the CIRC, resulting from an informal Request for Proposals by the CIRC for such services. After a review of the proposals by Commissioners, Bakkensen moved that the CIRC proceed with contractual arrangements with the Policy Consensus Initiative to provide administrative services. Kay Ogden seconded the motion. Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the motion. Ogden then moved that the CIRC proceed with contractual arrangements with Healthy Democracy to provide program services. Robin Gumpert seconded the motion. Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Commissioner Compensation

Commissioners requested that Iaccarino make inquiries regarding Commissioner per diems and travel reimbursements and that he report back at the subsequent meeting.

Other Items for Commission Interest

Commissioners expressed an interest in exploring new potential administrative rules relating to: ballot measure selection criteria for the Citizens' Initiative Review (CIR); length of the CIR process; and CIR panelist stipends.

Hudson informed Commissioners that a bill with bipartisan co-sponsors, SB 1544, relevant to the CIRC, was pre-session filed. The bill proposes a number of minor changes designed to improve the efficacy and reduce the cost of the CIR process. It also proposes lifting the 2015 sunset on the CIRC. Commissioners expressed a willingness to support and provide public comment on the bill if asked.

Hudson noted that independent researchers who had evaluated both the 2010 CIR pilot as well as the 2012 CIR had recently received word that they would likely receive a major grant from the National Science Foundation. The grant will ensure that a rigorous independent evaluation will be conducted not only for the 2014 Oregon CIR, but also for potential pilots, inspired by the Oregon CIR, in other states as well.

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Prepared by: Tony Iaccarino, Administrative Coordinator