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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Minutes of September 13, 2017

The meeting of the Cambridge Election Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Election Commission Office, 51 Inman Street. Present were Commissioner Larry Ward, Commissioner Charles Marquardt, Commissioner Polyxane Cobb, Commissioner Ethridge King, Executive Director Tanya Ford, Assistant Director Lesley Waxman, and members of the public, Ethan Cobb and Gary Mello.

I: MINUTES

The Minutes of August 28th were reviewed.

Motion: To approve the Minutes of August 28, 2017 with corrections.

Moved: Commissioner Cobb

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

The Motion passed: 4-0

II: REPORTS

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Ford and the Commissioners discussed the scheduling of the Random Draw. It was to hold the Random Draw and an Election Commission meeting October 18th at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Ford presented the List Of Designated Health Care Facilities for 2017 (attached).

Motion: To approve the 2017 List of Designated Health Care Facilities.

Moved: Commissioner King

Seconded: Commissioner Cobb

The Motion passed: 4-0

The deadline for Voter Registration for the Municipal Election is October 18th at 8:00 p.m.

Ms. Ford provided an update of the Non-Binding Ballot Question. The petitioners have not indicated that they intend to gather signatures to place the question on the November Ballot. The Council has asked the City Manager to look into public financing options and report back to the Council by the end of the month.

Ms. Ford provided copies of a policy order submitted by Councillor Toomey, "Cambridge Municipal Election People's Pledge Program". The Order was referred to Committee for further discussion. Ms. Ford will keep the Commission updated regarding the scheduling of any Committee hearing on this matter.

Ms. Ford informed the Commission of an upcoming Voter Outreach Opportunity. PARKing Day where the Election Commission will have a spot in Kendall Square on Third Street. PARKing Day is Friday, September 15th from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Assistant Director's Report

Statements of Financial Interest – The list of delinquent filers is down to two members of Commissions/Boards who have yet to file. Certified Letters have been sent to each person, but neither has picked up their letter from the Post Office as of the meeting. Hearings for the delinquent filers are scheduled for September 27th at 5:30 p.m. in the Election Commission offices at 51 Inman Street.

Ms. Waxman provided an updated copy of the Voter Guide (attached) which as been through reviews and incorporates comments received from the Commissioners. The Commissioners, Ms. Waxman and Ms. Ford discussed some minor changes to the format and wording.

Motion: To approve the Voter Guide with changes.
Moved: Commissioner Cobb
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
The Motion passed: 4-0

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Ward reported that 47 Third Street is NOT a residential address.

III: PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

I: ACTION AGENDA

Old Business

Training for Inspectors, Clerks and Wardens is scheduled for October 11th at 6:00 p.m. for Inspectors and 7:00 p.m. for Wardens and Clerks and October 14th at 2:00 p.m. for Inspectors and 3:00 p.m. for Wardens and Clerks. Both trainings are at the Citywide Senior Center.

A meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 27th at 5:40 p.m. at the Election Commission offices at 51 Inman Street.

A meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 10th at 5:00 p.m. at the Citywide Senior Center.

A meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 18th at 5:30 p.m. at the Election Commission offices at 51 Inman Street.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m.
Moved: Commissioner Cobb
Seconded: Commissioner Ward
The Motion passed: 4-0

True Record

Attested by:


Charles J. Marquardt, Secretary