CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH
BOARDS AND COMMITTEES MEETING MINUTES

NAME OF COMMITTEE: CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE (CRC)
NAME/TELEPHONE OF PERSON PREPARING SUMMARY: Elisabeth Pierre (305) 948-2900
NAMES OF MEMBERS, STAFF, AND INVITED GUESTS PRESENT:
BOARD MEMBERS: BETH SPIEGEL (CHAIRPERSON), WILLIAM DEAN, NORMAN EDWARDS, GLENN FINLAY, JARRET GROSS, MARY HILTON,
STAFF: CITY MANAGER KELVIN BAKER, CITY CLERK SOL ODENZ, ASST. CITY ATTORNEY MIRIAM BENSINGER
TYPE OF MEETING: REGULAR **DATE:** August 13, 2008

MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM 1- INTRODUCTIONS-Call to Order and Roll Call followed by introductions: Chairperson Spiegel called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and Mr. Odenz called the roll.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 30, 2008: Board Members requested that the minutes be amended to reflect the following changes: (AGENDA Item #3) adding "no recommendation to changes to the Charter" in sentence #9 and under (PUBLIC COMMENTS), correcting the residents' last name to reflect "Riess". Vice-Chair Gross motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Member Hilton seconded. Motion was approved.

AGENDA ITEM 3– REVIEW OF TOPICS (A-G): Members discussed Topic (B) Method of Elections and Topic (C) Term limits. Member Dean motioned to continue to elect commission at large. Member Hilton seconded. Motioned passed unanimously. Member Hilton motioned to change the City election date to the November County election held in even numbered years and to update any reference to the election date throughout the Charter to reflect this change, recommending that this change take place in the year 2010. Motion was seconded by member Dean. Members discussed this motion. Motion failed. Chairperson Spiegel, Vice-Chair Gross, Member Dean, and Member Finlay opposed. Member Edwards and Member Hilton approved. Chairperson Spiegel suggested that the Committee have a philosophical discussion regarding Topic (C) Term limits. Members discussed term limits. Members reviewed a handout issued by member Hilton. Member Hilton motioned that the City have two four year consecutive terms for term limits (sitting out after four years). Member Edwards seconded the motion. Motion failed. Member Hilton and Member Edwards approved the motion. Member Finlay, Member Dean, Chairperson Spiegel, and Vice-Chair Gross opposed the motion. Chairperson Spiegel motioned to have two four year staggered terms with the ability to sit out for two years before they are eligible to run again. Member Finlay seconded the motion. Motion passed. Member Finlay, Member Dean, Member Hilton, Member Edwards, and Chair person Spiegel approved the motion. Member Gross opposed the motion. Member Edwards asked for clarification about campaign financing. Mrs. Bensinger indicated that it is a state law function. There after, Member Gross motioned to recommend a modification to the election process, to have groups 1, 3, 5, and 7 serve two four year terms effective in 2009 and groups 2, 4, and 6 serve a two year term in the first election in 2009, but they can run for two four year consecutive terms after the first election. Motion was seconded by Member Dean. Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – DISCUSSION AND DIRECTIVE GIVEN TO STAFF REGARDING TOPICS A-G: Item four was not taken up at this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5- ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 9:39 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chuck Cook commented on term limits.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

August 27, 2008	**City Council Conference Room, 4th Floor, City Hall**	**7:00 p.m.**	**Regular Meeting**

APPROVED BY: **Charter Review Committee**

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