

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members, Alachua County Charter Review Commission (CRC)

FROM: Penny Wheat, Chair

DATE: February 21, 2020

RE: CRC Meeting – February 26th, 2020

It is impossible to know how many members of the public may wish to comment on an agenda item – or, for that matter, how long CRC members will speak about issues. Attorney Vose has advised me to continue to place enough items on the agenda so – though it may seem long - we are assured that the public is notified of items we will consider for advancement or elimination. We will continue to carry over unfinished business to the beginning of the subsequent meeting.

If we complete the February 26th agenda, then there remain (as of today's date) less than 10 proposals to be considered. That will leave most of March and April to further refine any proposals to move forward to public hearings in May and June. Perhaps CRC members could write down their thoughts ahead of time, along with any motions you might choose to place on the floor.

While the “master” chart (of CRC-advanced, and all submitted, proposals) was updated in time for agenda distribution, I hope to update it (with any additional submittals) on February 26th. If so, an updated chart will be provided in hard copy at the meeting. When the CRC has determined disposition of submitted proposals, we should probably review those advanced proposals in order to provide additional guidance to the Attorney.

March 3rd (1:30PM) is the date of the County Commission policy discussion re: potential Charter amendments. It is my understanding that the County will advertise this meeting so that CRC members can attend. Currently, the County Commission is also considering potential Charter amendments re: Rights of Nature and Santa Fe River Bill of Rights. Since the public could be confused if both the CRC and County Commission do so, we may want to wait until after March 3rd to ask Attorney Vose for legal analysis of these two items.