

City of Reading Charter Board

May 4, 2010- 7:00 pm

Penn Room

Members Present: Susan Gibson, Barry Lloyd, John Slifko, Elizabeth Stanley, Jerry Richter

Members Absent: None

Members of Public and Invited Guests: None

I. Administration

- The Board's next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, May 18, 2010.
- Ms. Gibson reported she has submitted application to the City Clerk for reappointment; Ms. Gibson's five year appointment expired 4/26/10, per the Charter Board Ordinance she will serve until reappointed or until replacement is found.
- Ms. Gibson reported she was contacted by Attorney John Espenshade of the ACT 47 team regarding their desire to meet with the Board or its representative. The Board agreed to convey to Mr. Espenshade that while we welcome dialogue regarding the Board's background and operations, it would be inappropriate for us to discuss our views regarding substantive or policy issues, or views about City governance. The Board remains firm in its need to avoid any discussions concerning policy or Charter matters which are or could be before the Board, including Advisory Opinion #20.
- The Board received and reviewed the semi-annual report from Investigative Officer David Brennan dated April 30, 2010. Upon review, the Board noted that information provided did not uniformly match requirements of the report as noted in the rules of administration and procedure. Attorney Brennan will be asked to modify the report as necessary and re-submit.

II. Education

- Elizabeth Stanley reported that the League of Women Voters would consider having the Charter Board as guest on their BCTV program. The Board agreed this would be a good opportunity to update the public on significant events pertaining to the Charter Board during the first half of 2010. The Board has not submitted a program proposal for ongoing routine programming.

III. Advisory

- Advisory Opinion #20, regarding Charter Section 907 was signed and released April 28, 2010. Release included the Council President, Mayor, City Solicitor, BCTV, Reading Eagle, and subsequently the ACT 47 team.

IV. Enforcement

- The Board met in closed session from 7:45 pm through 8:00 pm to discuss the ongoing resolution of the Khokhar case. The Board agreed by consensus to direct the Board solicitor to officially request payment of fines due within 30 days. Notification will be sent to Mr. Khokhar and his attorney.

V. Closing –Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm