



Lowell City Council

Ad-Hoc Elect. Laws SC Minutes

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City Clerk

Date: August 1, 2018
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Robinson School
110 June Street, Lowell, MA.

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were C. Nuon and C. Kennedy. C. Leahy was absent. Others present were C. Cirillo and Eda Matchak (Elections).

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

C. Nuon called the meeting to order noting the attendance and sponsorship of the Centralville Neighborhood Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

C. Nuon outlined purpose of meeting and thanked the organization for hosting the matter. The residents commented that current system does not fully represent the neighborhoods and that a designated representative would be more responsive. Residents had comments regarding current system. C. Kennedy outlined current system and proposed changes to that system. C. Kennedy noted that any change should be thought out fully as to change system back would take some time. C. Kennedy provided example where a district representative was not beneficial to neighborhood. C. Nuon noted that decisions would be made after information is gathered. Edward Hickey, resident, questioned process regarding selection of the Mayor. C. Kennedy commented that if there were a change in the system then they should also change to a strong mayor system as well. Heather, resident, questioned proportional form of government. Residents noted that running a campaign City wide is a difficult endeavor. Heather noted that only reason for a discussion of change is due to pending federal law suit. C. Nuon noted that because it is pending litigation it will not be discussed. C. Kennedy commented on the process for change which would be a referendum. C. Kennedy commented on a prior movement generated by him for a representative form of government that included the Council as well as the School Committee. Residents commented on hybrid form of government including district and at large representation which would be helpful to under-



represented groups. C. Nuon noted movement is more involved with neighborhood representation than with minority assistance. C. Cirillo noted the importance of representing all of the neighborhoods. C. Kennedy noted all the meetings held by the subcommittee throughout Lowell. Residents commented voter turnout in the City. C. Kennedy commented on the importance of local elections. C. Cirillo noted the efforts of Lowell Votes to inform citizens about representatives.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by C. Kennedy, seconded by C. Nuon. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

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