

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Special Committee Meeting
February 8, 2010**

Members: Jerry James, Chair
Mark Ihasz
Terry Mader

Mr. James called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. All members were present.

Discussion

Mr. James stated the purpose of the Special Committee meeting was to discuss the Mayor's appointments of Rev. Kirk Bruce, Thomas Melito, Yvonne Sebastian, Laura Petrella, Harrison Criss, Sandra Dixson Froelich and Roland Sequin to the Cuyahoga Falls Charter Review Commission. Mr. James stated this is an important committee to be on. There is a lot of responsibility with this and he hoped that the volunteers know not to take this committee lightly. He stated he wanted to proceed a little differently and address each individual one at a time.

Mayor Robart stated that Rev. Kirk Bruce was not present this evening. Rev. Bruce has been in the City for over nine years and is the minister at the Pilgrim Church of Christ. He will serve the committee very well.

Thomas Melito stated he was happy to be here. He liked living in Cuyahoga Falls and wanted to give back to the City. He is here to help.

Mayor Robart stated that Yvonne Sebastian notified him she would not be able to attend tonight's meeting because she had taken some medication that made her dizzy. Most Council members know her. She served on the committee five years ago and is very conscientious.

Laura Petrella stated she served on the committee five years ago and would be honored to serve on the committee again. She has a long history with the City and is on the Chamber of Commerce.

Harrison Criss stated he is a long-time resident of Cuyahoga Falls. He is honored to be on the committee and will take it very seriously.

Sandra Dixson Froelich stated this is the second time she would be part of the committee. She is looking forward to it and feels she can handle the responsibilities.

Roland Sequin stated he has been a resident of Cuyahoga Falls since 1977. He served on this committee five years ago and would consider it a privilege to be able to contribute his time to the City of Cuyahoga Falls.

Mayor Robart stated this is a very important undertaking that is done every five years. It lays the foundation for the City both short term and long term. There is great diversity on this committee. Some members served five years ago and some are serving for the first time. They are people from all over the City. There are four Republicans and three Democrats. They are seven people who are deeply committed to the community and will do a good job without any bias. Ms. Jones will monitor the early meetings and will then step back to let them do their own thing. Ms. Jones stated that all meetings are open. Once they are approved, she will get together with them to set the first meeting in Conf. Rm. A. They will see what

nights and times are good for all of them. They will meet between six to eight times. She enjoys this commission the most of any she is involved with. Mr. Melito and Mr. Criss will be wonderful additions to the group.

Mr. James stated that these people know the importance of the position on this committee just by being here tonight. He was certain that the two who were not present must have had something important come up.

Mr. Nelsch, North Haven Blvd., stated that Rev. Bruce usually has a church meeting on Monday evenings so that is probably why he is not here.

Mr. Mader stated he appreciated everyone for stepping up to the plate to fill this important function that the City needs and he wished them well.

Mrs. Klinger stated she knows Rev. Bruce and has watched him serve on other committees. He will serve on this committee with the utmost professionalism. She is pleased he is on the committee.

Mr. Iula stated he knows five of the seven individuals and feels they will do a great job. It is great to get involved in the City. He wished them luck.

Committee recommended bringing out the appointments.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.