

HMC Bylaw Committee Notes

January 21, 2021

Video Conference

Carl, Scott, Sue, Stephanie, Jed, Steven, Eric, Kari (notes), Billy Donovan

Carl called the meeting to order.

No public comments.

Carl summarized the discussion with the Council. Carl will provide new Council members with background on the bylaw process. The committee charter has been amended to provide more time and allow Carl to continue as chair.

Kari shared some concerns from staff perspective about holding an in person meeting in June. These include venue and supply logistics, timing relative to executive order, accessibility for members concerned about risk and possible conflict with co-op's efforts to prioritize safety.

Discussion included:

- Legislature has provided towns with more flexibility.
- Do we have to have a tent? Could we have rain dates instead?
- How police social distancing?
- Plan for an outdoor meeting in May or June and make virtual meeting our plan B?
- Could we legally notice both options? Would need legal counsel
- Importance of providing ample notice, confident that members are aware and informed, especially challenging during a state of emergency
- Site suggestions: State Dept Taxes building
- Executive order may not be lifted by June meaning we may end up planning for something we may not be allowed to do. Should we just plan for a virtual meeting?
- Maybe plan virtual with in person as back up?
- Should we postpone until the fall or early 2022?
- Not certain if we will be able to gather then either. We don't know when vaccinations will be substantially complete, how long immunization will be effective.
- Is committee needed to complete the approval process? Members deserve time and safety to complete the process. The situation is not urgent enough to push forward now.
- However we want to stage the meeting, perhaps we should prepare the written materials now as a next step.
- Acknowledge the stress that staff are experiencing currently and the burden of planning for an in-person meeting.
- Could create a series of videos to explain the proposed changes.
- How much would committee would like to work on content of campaign materials?
- Could prepare the materials and turn over to council to use when needed.
- Could stop planning for inperson meeting until executive order is lifted.

- Plan for vote as part of annual meeting 2021 in person or virtual?
- If virtual, schedule for time when peak number of members were attending 2020 annual meeting

The consensus was to not set a meeting date yet and focus next on preparing written materials. The committee will meet with staff to plan preparing content.

Future meeting schedule: second and fourth Thursday at 5:30pm

Feb 11 at 5:30pm, Kari will send out campaign plan elements in advance

