



King County

Charter Review Commission

2007-2008

Meeting 4 – Issues Gathering and Public Outreach Continued

Seattle Municipal Tower, 40th Floor

5:30pm-7:30pm

May 29, 2007

Co-Chairs: Gov. Mike Lowry and Lois North

Recognizing Forty Years of Good Governance

Agenda

■ Guest Speakers

- Suburban Cities Association (Sonny Putter, Representative)
- Unincorporated Area Councils (Tom Carpenter, Rick Spence, Jim English)

■ Public Hearings

- Finalize meeting roster
- Update on media efforts
- Duties of meeting chairs
- Review public hearing presentation

■ Logistics

- Outstanding pics
- Vouchers

Guest Speakers

- Suburban Cities Association
 - Sonny Putter – Representative

- Unincorporated Areas Councils
 - Rick Spence and Tom Carpenter, Four Creeks Unincorporated Area Council
 - Jim English, Vashon-Maury Island Community Council

Public Outreach Meetings - Final Schedule

<p>District 1: Tuesday June 5, 6:30-8pm Shoreline Center Ballinger Room 18560 1st Ave NE, Shoreline WA</p>	<p>District 2: Wednesday, June 6, 6:30-8pm Garfield Community Center Multipurpose Room 2323 E Cherry St, Seattle WA</p>
<p>District 3: Thursday, June 21, 6:30-8pm Preston Community Center Multipurpose Room 8625 310th Ave SE, Issaquah WA</p>	<p>District 4: Tuesday, June 12, 6:30-8pm Downtown Seattle Library Wright & Ketcham Room, 4th Floor 1000 4th Ave, Seattle WA</p>
<p>District 5: Thursday, June 28, 6:30-8pm Kent Senior Center 600 E Smith St, Kent WA</p>	<p>District 6: Thursday, June 14, 6:30-8pm Bellevue Community College Bldg. C, Room 120 ANB 3000 Landerholm Circle SE, Bellevue WA</p>
<p>District 7: Monday, July 9, 6:30-8pm Federal Way Senior Center 4016 S 352nd St, Auburn WA</p>	<p>District 8: Wednesday, June 20, 6:30-8pm The Hall at Fauntleroy, Emerald Room 9131 California Ave SW, Seattle, WA</p>
<p>District 9: Tuesday, July 10, 6:30-8pm Black Diamond Community Center 31605 3rd Ave, Black Diamond WA 98010</p>	

Public Outreach Meetings

District 1:

Tuesday June 5, 6:30-8pm

Shoreline Center

Ballinger Room

18560 1st Ave NE, Shoreline WA

Commissioners attending:

- Kirstin Haugen (Chair)
- Lois North
- Mike Wilkins
- Gary Long
- Gregg Hiramawa
- Allan Munro
- Terry Lavender

Public Outreach Meetings

District 2:

Wednesday, June 6, 6:30-8pm
Garfield Community Center
Multipurpose Room
2323 E Cherry St, Seattle WA

Commissioners attending:

- Dan Gandara (Chair)
- Darcy Goodman
- Juan Bocanegra
- Gregg Hirakawa
- Tara Jo Heinecke
- Allan Munro

Public Outreach Meetings

District 3:

Thursday, June 21, 6:30-8pm

Preston Community Center

Multipurpose Room

8625 310th Ave SE, Issaquah WA

Commissioners attending:

- John Groen (Chair)
- John Jensen (Alt Chair)
- Terry Lavender
- Jim English
- Gary Long
- Kirstin Haugen
- Tara Jo Heinecke
- Allan Munro

Public Outreach Meetings

District 4:

Tuesday, June 12, 6:30-8pm
Downtown Seattle Library
Wright & Ketcham Room, 4th Floor
1000 4th Ave, Seattle WA

Commissioners attending:

- Bryan Glynn (Co-chair)
- Gregg Hirakawa (Co-chair)
- Lois North
- Dan Gandara
- Kirstin Haugen
- Mike Wilkins
- Tara Jo Heinecke

Public Outreach Meetings

District 5:

Thursday, June 28, 6:30-8pm
Kent Senior Center
600 E Smith St, Kent WA

Commissioners attending:

- Tara Jo Heinecke (Chair)
- John Jensen
- Gary Long
- Sarah Rindlaub
- Kirstin Haugen
- Terry Lavender

Public Outreach Meetings

District 6:

Thursday, June 14, 6:30-8pm
Bellevue Community College
Bldg. C, Room 120 ANB
3000 Landerholm Circle SE, Bellevue WA

Commissioners attending:

- Doreen Cato (Chair)
- Sarah Rindlaub
- Mike Lowry
- John Jensen
- Tara Jo Heinecke
- Kirstin Haugen

Public Outreach Meetings

District 7:

Monday, July 9, 6:30-8pm
Federal Way Senior Center
4016 S 352nd St, Auburn WA

Commissioners attending:

- James Williams (Chair)
- Trisha Ann Bennett
- John Jensen
- Terry Lavender
- Kirstin Haugen
- Tara Jo Heinecke

Public Outreach Meetings

District 8:

Wednesday, June 20, 6:30-8pm

The Hall at Fauntleroy

Emerald Room

9131 California Ave SW, Seattle, WA

Commissioners attending:

- Sharon Maeda (Chair)
- Allan Munro
- Gary Long
- Jim English
- John Jensen
- Kirstin Haugen
- Tara Jo Heinecke

Public Outreach Meetings

District 9:

Tuesday, July 10, 6:30-8pm
Black Diamond Community Center
31605 3rd Ave, Black Diamond WA 98010

Commissioners attending:

- John Jensen (Chair)
- Jim English
- James Williams
- Terry Lavender
- Sharon Maeda
- Tara Jo Heinecke
- Kirstin Haugen

Public Outreach Meetings – Media Efforts

- Press release sent to:
 - 100+ news outlets (via our communications dept.)
 - Our contact list (80+ organizations & citizens)
 - Council members (for distribution to their lists)
 - LWV, Muni League, Democrats, Republicans (for distribution to their lists and legislative districts)
 - Our web site
- Flyers – please distribute
- Op/Eds and interviews – developing
- KCTV – taping at meetings for Districts 1 and 3

Public Outreach Meetings – Details

- Day-of schedule
- Meeting format and duties of chairs
- Meeting materials
 - Copies of the charter (1000, 100 distributed at each meeting)
 - Copies of the presentation
 - Comment cards
 - Sign-in sheet (subject to public disclosure)
 - Brochures from Council
 - Information about the county from departments
- KCTV taping 2 meetings; staff recording all meetings
- Transcriptionist

Public Hearing Presentation

Introduction to the Charter Review Commission

- Introductions (commissioners, councilmember, staff)
- What is the Charter Review Commission?
 - A citizen commission formed at least every 10 years to review our county constitution. Appointed by County Executive Ron Sims.
- The commission's work so far:
 - Have outreached to 360 organizations, and heard from community groups at our meetings.
 - Now, beginning citizen outreach. Holding 9 public meetings.
 - Next, will deliberate on the issues raised in these meetings.
- Meet the commissioners: 21 members, representing each council district.
 - Demographic make up— diversity in party, ethnic background, gender, rural/urban

Commissioners

Mike Lowry, of Renton, Former Governor –Co-chair (District 9)

Lois North, of Seattle, former King County Councilmember – Co-chair (District 4)

Trisha Bennett, of Federal Way, Vice President of Government Affairs, Bennett Forest Industries (District 7)

Juan Bocanegra, of Seattle, Community Activist, NW Empowerment Institute (District 2)

Doreen Cato, of Bellevue, Executive Director, First Place (District 6)

Jim English, of Vashon, President, Vashon-Maury Island Community Council (District 8)

Dan Gandara, of Seattle, Attorney, Vandeberg Johnson & Gandara; President, King County Bar Association (District 2)

Bryan Glynn, of Seattle, Legal Counsel for Cascade Land Conservancy (District 4)

Darcy Goodman, of Seattle, former King County District Court Judge (District 2)

John Groen, of Redmond, Attorney, Groen Stephens & Klinge LLP (District 3)

Kirstin Haugen, of Bothell, Account Executive, Mercury, L.L.C (District 1)

Tara Jo Heinecke, of Des Moines, Business Representative, Intl. Asso. of Theatrical and Stage Employees Local 15 (District 5)

Gregg Hirakawa, of Seattle, Director of Communications, City of Seattle, (District 4)

John Jensen, of Newcastle, Past President, Newcastle Chamber of Commerce (District 9)

Terry Lavender, of Woodinville, Citizen Activist, King County Conservation Futures (District 3)

Gary Long, of Seattle, Former City Manager, Burien; Suburban Cities Association (District 8)

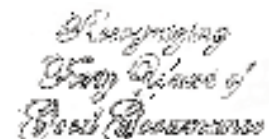
Sharon Maeda, President, Spectra Communications (District 8)

Allan Munro, of Seattle, Attorney (District 8)

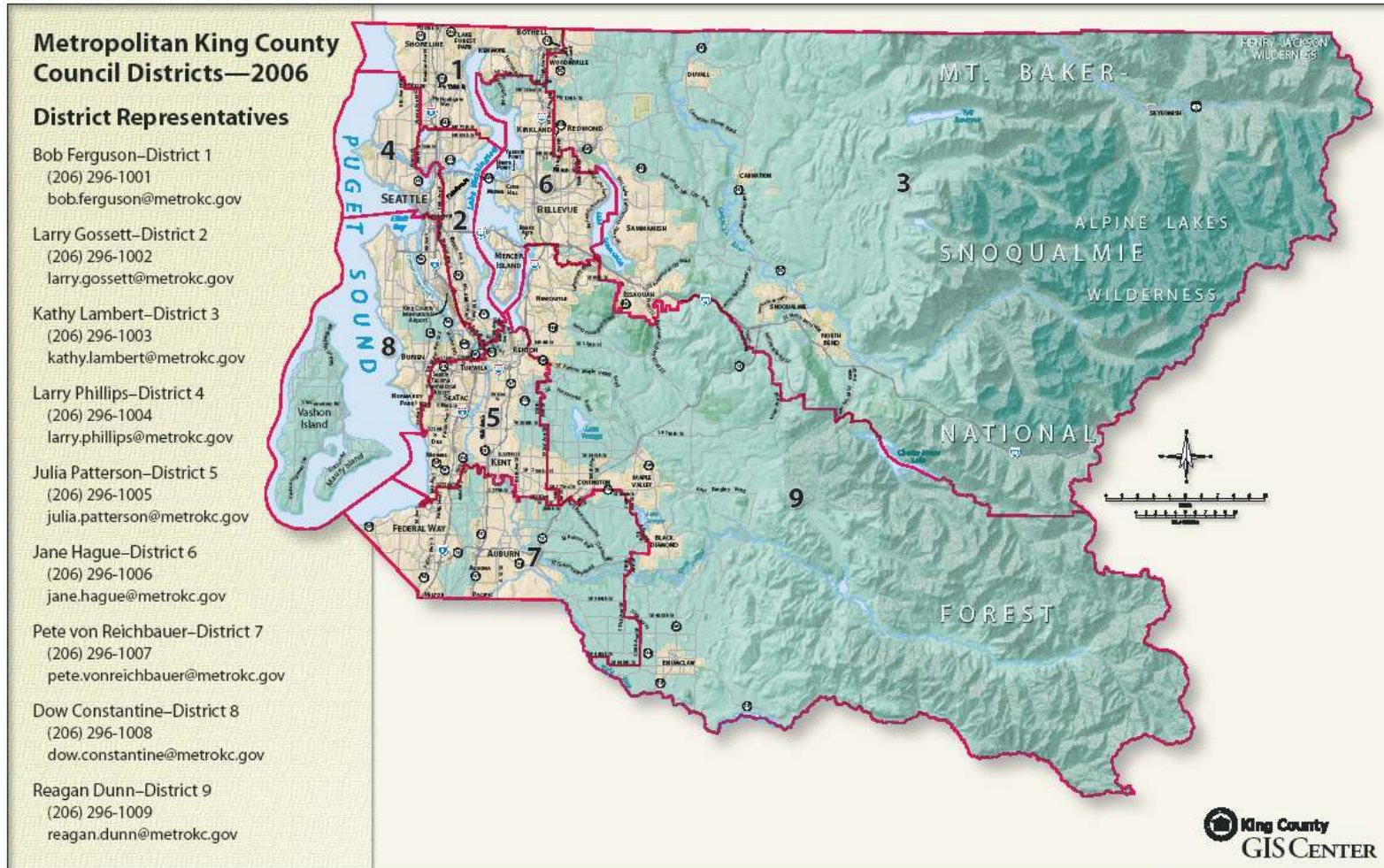
Sarah Rindlaub, of Mercer Island, Board Member, Washington Policy Center (District 6)

Mike Wilkins, of Seattle, former King County Deputy Assistant County Executive (District 4)

James Williams, of Federal Way, Attorney, Perkins Coie (District 7)



About King County



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About King County

- King County is roughly 2,134 square miles, with almost 1.8 million people living in 39 cities and large unincorporated areas.
- King County provides both regional and local government services. Some services are charter-mandated and some are not.
- Local services are provided to unincorporated areas (combined pop. 353,000), plus contracted services to many of the cities.
- King County's budget is \$3.9 billion. Services provided include:
 - Criminal justice
 - County roads
 - Metro transit bus services
 - Wastewater treatment
 - Solid waste management
 - Public health and human services
 - Regional parks
 - Records, elections & licensing
 - Property tax assessment and collection

King County Organization

- King County Government consists of 7 bodies with 85 elected officials, including:
 - County Assessor (partisan)
 - County Council – 9 members (partisan)
 - County Executive (partisan)
 - Superior Court – 51 judges (non-partisan)
 - District Court – 21 judges (non-partisan)
 - Sheriff (non-partisan, elected)
 - Prosecuting Attorney (partisan)

- The King County Executive maintains 7 departments:
 - Department of Executive Services (DES)
 - Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS)
 - Department of Public Health (DPH)
 - Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP)
 - Department of Transportation (DOT)
 - Department of Development and Environmental Services (DDES)
 - Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention (DAJD)

40 Years of Good Governance

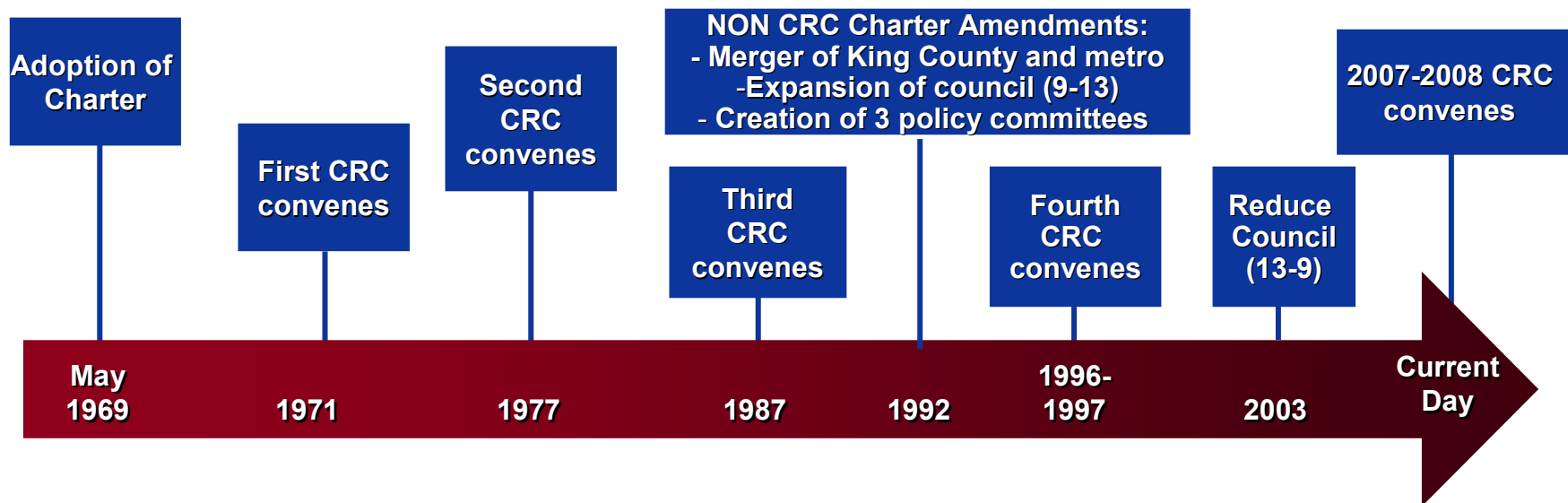
- The Charter is 40 years old this year. It is a sound document that has withstood the test of time with few changes
- The Charter is the foundation for the County's quality services:
 - Metro Transportation – 100 million trips per year
 - County Parks – 25,000 acres of parks
 - Water Quality – treats waste water for 1.4 million citizens
 - Sheriff – providing protection for county residents
 - Balance of Powers – County and Executive working together
- ***How can we make King County better?***

What Is The King County Charter?

- A charter for a home rule county is the basic blueprint for its government.
 - Much like a constitution, it lays out the county's fundamental structure, powers and duties.
 - The charter provides the basic long-term structure reflecting core values of our government.
- Charter provisions are subject to laws of the United States and State of Washington.
- All county ordinances, motions, rules and other actions must be consistent with the basic guiding legal framework of the Charter.

History of Charter Review

- The original freeholders of the charter included the review process in the charter itself, to ensure that citizens could do a check-up on the basic framework of county government.
- The freeholders' charter proposal was placed on the November 1968 ballot and was approved by the voters. It took effect on May 1, 1969.
- Most amendments until the early 1990's were relatively minor adjustments.



How Can the Charter Be Amended?

- Charter Review Commission – authority based in charter
 - Charter Review Commission sends amendments to Council
 - Council approves or does not approve amendments
 - Citizens vote on recommendations

- County Council – authority based in charter
 - Council initiates and votes on amendments
 - Citizens vote on recommendations

- Citizen Initiative – results from a court decision
 - Citizens directly initiate a charter amendment
 - Citizens vote on amendment

What is a Charter Issue?

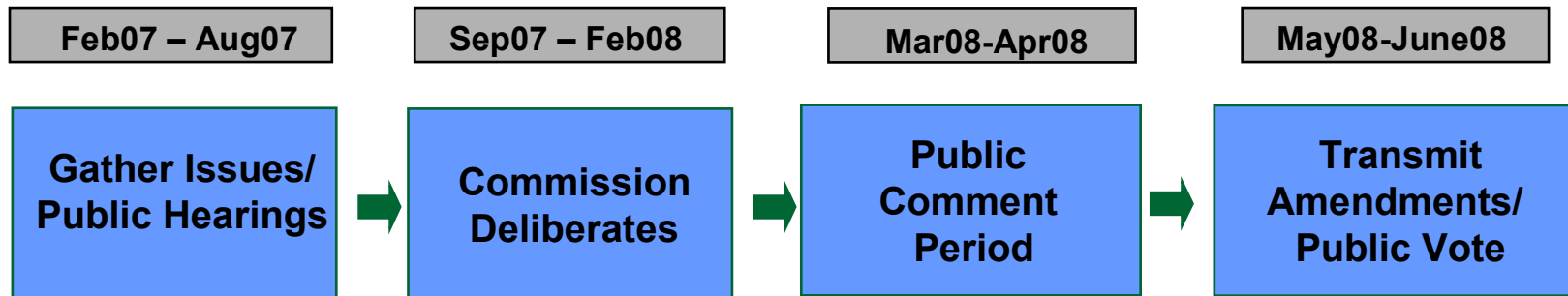
- Not every concern regarding King County government rises to the level of a charter issue. Most concerns from the King County public can be addressed through ordinance or administrative action.
- Charter revision issues generally share the following characteristics:
 - **Charter-Only Solution:** The issue can only be resolved by changing the Charter- not by ordinance or otherwise
 - **Long-Term:** The issue to be addressed will exist over the long term and is not merely a specific, immediate concern
 - **Core Values:** The concern addresses the Charter's core values of checks and balances, accountability, and merit

Past Charter Amendments

- Reduce the size of the King County Council from 13 to 9
(2004, passed by the people)
- Guarantee freedom of religion and conscience to King County citizens; prohibit public spending for religious purposes
(2001, passed by the people)
- Create an independent County Board of Ethics
(1997, defeated by the people)
- Establish land use and human services planning policies
(1988, did not go to ballot)
- Update the County's anti-discrimination provision
(1988 and 1977, did not go to ballot)

These examples provide a frame of reference - they do not suggest that current consideration is in any way limited to such issues.

The Public's Role in the Process



1st phase: Commission collects issues from the public

2nd phase: Commission deliberates on issues and proposes charter amendments

3rd phase: Public comment on proposed amendments

4th phase: Finalized amendments sent to Council; Council-approved amendments go onto November 08 ballot

Current Charter Issues

- Some issues already raised by citizens and organizations:
 - Appointed versus elected positions
 - Electoral system
 - Initiative process
 - Local services in the unincorporated areas
 - Partisan versus non-partisan elected positions
 - Property rights and growth management
- We need your input!

How Can County Government Serve You Better?

Questions to think about...

- What major regional issues need to be addressed now, and over the next 10 years? (e.g., land use, public health, elections systems)
- How can King County government simultaneously meet the needs of urban and rural residents? Should its role evolve over the next decade?
- King County seeks to be an accountable, efficient, effective, and fair government for its residents. Is it living up to these standards?

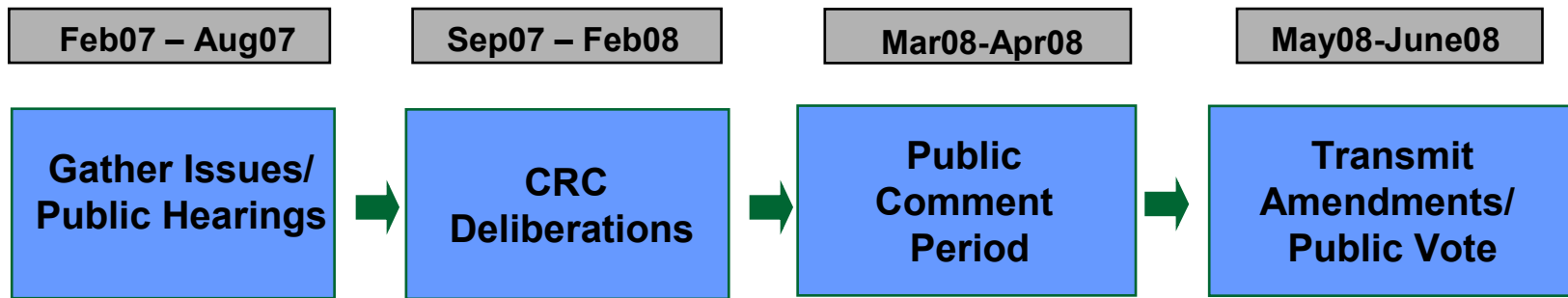
How to Give Feedback

- Speak: 2-5 minute time limit per speaker
- Comment cards: fill out here or take home
- Submit comments on the web, by mail, or phone:
 - <http://www.metrokc.gov/exec/charter>
 - charter.review@metrokc.gov
 - Mark Yango, Charter Review Coordinator:
(206) 296-4628

How to Give Feedback

End of Public Hearing Presentation

Current Work Program



Key Dates:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Feb 27, 07 – 1st meeting ■ March - June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Issue gathering ■ Written feedback ■ Community group presentations ■ June/July – Hold 9 public hearings ■ July/August – Collate issues from public and other stakeholders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Sept 07– Form subcommittees ■ Oct 07 – Deliberations commence ■ Feb 26, 08 – Deadline to complete work on draft proposed charter amendments | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ March 08 -- Public comment on proposed charter amendments ■ April – revise charter amendments if needed ■ Apr. 29, 08 – Deadline for CRC draft report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Commission votes on final recommendations ■ Potential last meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ May 15, 08 – Deadline for staff to finalize CRC documents for Executive ■ May 30, 08 – Executive transmits CRC report and recs to Council ■ Aug 14, 08 – Council Action (84 days before general election) ■ Nov. 08 – General election |
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Logistics

- Pics
- Dinner \$
- Parking vouchers
- Next meeting: Tuesday June 26