

## 2021-11-09 Ranked Choice Voting Implementation Ad Hoc Committee

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Committee Chair Daniel Gilbert.

Present were District 2 Councilor Tom Peake, Committee Chair Daniel Gilbert, and Committee Members Sara Amoroso, City Clerk Barbara LaBombard, Committee Member Jackie Brousseau-Pereira and Chris Korczak

Regrets: Councilor At Large Owen Zaret,

### **-Open Meeting law Gov statement**

- Read by Dan.

### **-Public Speak**

- No public was present to speak.

### **- Committee secretary position / rotation**

- Chris took notes

### **-Post election discussion of RCV process, comments, suggestions, etc.**

- Dan warden for P4 - sd went smoothly, one tab got dirty and needed to be swapped.
- RCV had the normal and predictable things that we were prepared for.
- Day after processes went very smoothly.
- Adjudication process was long, 5 or 6 hours, an hour per precinct.
- Sometimes there were scans that were illegible on the scan, but legible on the ballot when held physically. This is a write in specific concern, not an RCV concern. It is now an issue because of the way we adjudicate now. Around a dozen on each race (mayor/at large).
- Tom wondered if we spoke with the vendor yet about this (not yet). Though Rod was there during the adjudication.
- Logistically we cannot flag write ins at time of casting.
- Option: Keep as status quo.
- Option: Election night, give total number of writeins. Unofficially agreed that this was the best way for preserving public trust at the expense of some speed. Sara acknowledges that a write in waiting a day for clear results is not bad.

- Machines running slower, because of scanning. About 4-6 seconds slower per ballot. Tabulator backed up less than check-in. At worst, line of 20 at check-in, tabulator 10-12.
- Jackie reports that there were very few people asking about how RCV worked outside of polls. Fewer than a handful of people complained that we adopted RCV. Estimates greeted over 1000 people.
- Cast vote records will be made available to the public.

**-New Business/Committee Dissolution**

- No New business
- Barbara motioned to dissolve, Dan seconded, unanimous agree,

**-Next Meeting**

- None

**-Adjournment**

- Tom motion to adjourn, Barbara seconded, unanimous 6:52PM