

Charter Review procedures deficiencies

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Dear Commissioners,

I need to point out some deficiencies in the proceedings that have already impacted the public and will continue to until resolved.

There is no accusation of intent or neglect, but these do need your immediate attention.

Transparency

Most of Pierce County has no idea these proceedings are taking place. To the few who do, finding the information to consider and provide public input is not transparent and in practice is hidden.

1. Commission procedures.

The procedures for considering, advancing and proposing for the ballot are not apparent. These were discussed and voted on but not posted in any meaningful way that the public would be able to readily locate. They are located in a past meeting packet (02-02-2026 packet page 6). If no one understands the process, they are not able to participate in any meaningful way.

2. Proposed Amendments.

Once again, in similar fashion, proposed amendments are scattered across all of the meeting packets. There is no way for the public to realize what is being proposed without opening and scanning through every page of every packet to date rendering them functionally hidden.

3. Progression of Amendments.

The procedures that are not known to most lay out the process for amendments and the steps they must go through. There is again, no discernable way for the public to realize what stage any of the amendments are in without once again, opening every packet, scanning and collating the various amendments they can locate to determine their place in the progression.

These deficiencies have already created a substantial impact. Proposals have been advancing through the process without the public being informed. The public deserves your immediate attention and immediate solution.

Thank you,

John Leslie