

Election Commission Meeting
December 14, 2009
Minutes

Present: Joseph McGowan, Ana Rodriguez, John Stewart, Mary Anne Dube

At 5:03, meeting called to order and Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk David Rushford called the roll.

Old Business-

The annual street listing was discussed, a draft RFP will be emailed to the commissioners when it is available.

A timetable will be prepared and brought to the January meeting.

New Business-

Commissioner Dube is concerned about the difficulty in recruiting poll workers for such a long shift on election day. Many veteran poll workers may not be available for the Special election in January. Dube: "A lot of people who might be interested in working at the polls simply cannot commit to spending an entire day there because of their schedules, Allowing people to work a split day might encourage more people to step forward."

MCGOWAN MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY DUBE

"that the board of election commissioners review the revamping of staffing at all 50-polling places at the next meeting that occurs after the January special election"

Dube pointed out that this would not solve the problem of the special election.

Mr. Rushford pointed out that partial day appointments have been made in the past on ad hoc basis. Stewart recommended that appointments for less than a whole day be made only for the inspector positions – wardens and clerks would be appointed to work an entire day.

The next meeting will be January 11, 2010 at 5:00 PM.

