



GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE

Note Location

HATTIE WEBER MUSEUM
445 C STREET

23 RUSSELL BOULEVARD
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2005
7:00 p.m.

Members: Gerald Adler (Vice Chair), Val Dolcini, John Garamendi,
Susan Gefter, Ted Lascher, Michael Levy (Chair), Jon Li,
Nick Mariano, Joan Poulos

Staff Liaisons: Bette Racki, Kelly Stachowicz, Zoe Mirabile

- 7:00 p.m. 1. Approval of Agenda
- 7:05 p.m. 2. Task Members and Staff Communications
- 7:10 p.m. 3. Written Communications. None received prior to printing.
- 7:15 p.m. 4. Public Communications
At this time, any member of the public may address the Task Force on matters which are not listed on this agenda. Citizens should present their comments for matters listed on this agenda at the time the item is considered by the Task Force. No formal action may be taken on any issue not listed on the agenda. Presentations may be limited to accommodate all speakers within the time available. **Citizens are encouraged to submit lengthy comments in writing and summarize them orally.**
- 7:20 p.m. 5. Continued Final Consideration of All Items Previously Discussed, to Include Any Missed Items as Determined by Task Force, and Recommendations for Final Report. Topics to include the following*:

I. Council elections:

Tentative Recommendation: Choice or preference voting
(written proposal by Levy in favor of choice voting not received prior to printing/written counter-proposal by Mariano)

* "Tentative Recommendation" indicates the Task Force's tentative unanimous support for the recommendation.

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II. Responsibilities of Mayor:

Tentative Recommendation: Should remain a Council member

III. Mayoral selection:

- A. Elected by public (written proposal by Poulos not received prior to printing)
 - (1) Most vote-getter of all Council candidates
 - (2) Separate vote
 - (1) Highest vote getter
 - (2) Majority vote with instant runoff
- B. Selected by council (written proposal by Dolcini/Lascher)
 - (1) Vote of Council
 - (2) Rotating seat

IV. Commissions

- A. Tentative Recommendation: Consolidate commissions where overlap (written proposal by Dolcini/Lascher)
- B. Use by Council and Use by Public (written proposal by Geffer)
- C. Manner of Commissioner Appointments
- D. Timing of Commissioner Appointments

V. Public Participation

- A. Neighborhood associations
 - (1) More formal City interaction
 - (2) Could be used better by City or neighbors
- B. Education (includes Council, commissions, and neighborhood Assns)
 - (1) Tentative Recommendation: City should educate public about process at meetings
 - (2) Tentative Recommendation: City should educate public about ways to participate
- C. City and Student Relations
 - (1) Ways to improve involvement
 - (2) Ways to improve perceptions
- D. City and UCD Administration Relations

E. Date of elections

- (1) Current (spring)
- (2) November
- (3) Other

F. Other participation issues

VI. Size of the Council

- A. Increase

VII. Campaign Spending Ordinance

- A. More detailed disclosure
- B. More effective penalties
- C. City tracking and disclosure of violators
- D. “Retire the debt” parties

VIII. Charter city status

- A. Tentative Recommendation: Davis should remain a general law city unless adoption of a charter is necessary to implement these recommendations.
- B. Tentative Recommendation: If Davis becomes a Charter City, the Charter should be broad.

IX. Other Issues

9:00 p.m. Adjournment. Next Meeting: March 21