

June 27, 2017

To: Ms. Nicole Tallman
Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs
Office of the Mayor: tallman@miami.gov

Re: Maurice A. Ferré – member 2017 CRTF
Memo for distribution to the 2017 MDC Charter Review Task Force for
June 28, 2017, 8:30 AM meeting

Thank you for meeting with me last June 14 along with Oren Rosenthal, Assistant MDC Attorney. As agreed, I write today with a few organizational suggestions:

1. The 2017 MDC Charter Review Task Force (2017) should adopt at the outset a procedural agreement. In my opinion, this should be based on Masons Rules and the Board of County Commission (MDC) procedural rules, which the County Attorney's office should make available to all the members of the 2017 CRTF.
2. The 2017 CRTF should establish its structure. I believe that besides a Chair, a Vice Chair and a Secretary, we should establish three standing committees: a) Fiscal and Budgetary b) Governance and Public Policy c) Boundaries and Real Estate (UDB, Zoning, New Cities, Old Cities-Annexation). The 2017 CRTF Staff and Attorney, should at our next meeting further define for acceptance the extent of jurisdiction for each committee. Each 2017 CRTF member will serve on two committees. The Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary will be voting members of all three committees. In this way, the 2017 CRTF can be more thorough in our deliberations. This will also avoid the flaws of previous CRTF's by concentrating too much power in the Chair. Further, there will be better attendance in the public area hearings the 2017 CRTF establishes.
3. The 2017 CRTF should have no less than six area public hearings: Homestead/Redlands Area; South Dade Government Center; West Kendall; North West; North East; Downtown/Center. Each of the three committees will combine their structured deliberations with a portion of public hearings for community and individual input. If possible, all six of these public meetings will be held at public halls, open access, with easy public parking and state of the art T.V. transmitting facilities to be appropriately broadcast by the MDC Public Access T.V. channel. All Committee of the Whole meetings will be held at the BOCC chamber in Downtown.

Cc:

1. Mayor Carlos Gimenez
2. Chair Esteban Bovo
3. Commissioner Joe Martinez
4. Oren Rosenthal – orosent@miamidade.gov