

Election Committee Minutes from the Meeting on December 18, 2023

The 2024 VMA Election Committee held its 8th meeting on Monday, December 18, 2023, by Zoom.

In attendance: Council chair Arthur Alexander, Council liaison Katie Howard. Committee members Naomi Naierman, John Sharrow, Paul Weller, and Marty Langelan. Resident Larry Wasson.

Marty, the Committee chair, called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm. The Committee approved the minutes from the December 6 and December 11 meetings.

Marty noted that the Council (1) approved the 2024 Election Schedule at the Council meeting on December 14 and (2) voted to introduce the proposed election procedures for adoption as “Regulations” rather than as an “Ordinance.” The adoption vote is scheduled for the January 18 Council meeting.

The Committee discussed the 30-day public comment period and asked whether the Council members could provide their comments to the Committee by January 8-11. The Council members present agreed to do so.

The Committee then voted to implement the Council’s December 14 decision to change the term “Ordinance” to “Regulations” throughout the proposed election rules document. The Committee also reviewed the public comments that various residents had submitted. The residents suggested a few minor wording changes. The Committee thanked the residents for providing comments, found that the residents’ suggestions would help to clarify the proposed regulations, and voted to accept them.

Having approved those few edits, the Committee then voted unanimously to recommend that the Council adopt the December 18 document as the official 2024 Election Regulations. The Committee provided the public mark-up to show the incorporation of the term “Regulations” and the handful of community edits, and submitted the recommended December 18 document to the Council.

The Committee agreed to schedule its next meeting for January 11, and voted to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

Note: The Committee subsequently canceled the January 11 meeting since no additional community comments came in. The Committee provided a summary and administrative analysis of the Council’s comments in a separate Committee Report on January 15, 2024.

Approved by the Election Committee at its public meeting on February 1, 2024.