WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL HOME RULE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2008

A meeting of the West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Board was held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 25, 2008, at the City Hall in Charleston, West Virginia.

The following members were present:

Edwin Bowman, Member
Chris Fletcher, Member
Brian Jones, Member
Floyd (Kin) McKinley Sayre III, Member
Jim Morgan, Member
Nick Sparachane (designee for the Honorable Joe Manchin III)

The following member was absent:

Jon Amores (designee for Development Office Executive Director Steve Spence)

Others present:

Timothy M. Abraham, West Virginia Department of Administration

Rob Alsop, Jackson Kelly

Nora Antlake, West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources

Christina Arvon, Charleston Surgical Hospital

Tina Bailes, West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources

Don Carr, City of Charleston

Mary Jean Davis, City of Charleston

Lisa Dooley, West Virginia Municipal League

Paul Ellis, City of Charleston

Barbara Eyman, Ropes and Gray

Ray Franks, West Virginia Department of Environmental Affairs

Greg Gibbs, St. Francis Hospital

Grant Gunnoe, Charleston Emergency Management

Joel Hamme, St. Francis Hospital

Tony Harmon, City of Charleston

Jack E. Harrison, City of Charleston

Robert Herron, City of Wheeling

Dave Higgins, City of Charleston

Larry Hudson, Charleston Area Medical Center

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Danny Jones, City of Charleston

Brian King, City of Charleston

Chris Knox, City of Charleston

Ruth Lemmon, West Virginia Automobile and Truck Dealers Association

Dan Lauffer, St. Francis Hospital

Scott Mason, West Virginia Department of Administration

Deloris Martin, West Virginia House of Delegates

David Molgaard, City of Charleston

Marsha Morris, West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources

Mark Muchow, West Virginia Department of Tax and Revenue

Elwood Penn, CAI Consultants/WV Qualifications Based Selection Council

Bret Preston, West Virginia Division of Natural Resources

Karen Price, West Virginia Manufacturers Association

David Ramsey, Charleston Area Medical Center

Robert S. Reishman, City of Charleston

Charles Roskovensky, West Virginia House of Delegates

Kasey Russell, City of Charleston

Joe Scarberry, West Virginia Division of Natural Resources

C. Smith, City of Charleston

Janet Spry, City of Charleston

Dale W. Steager, Charleston Area Medical Center

Tom Susman, TSG Consulting

Gary Taylor, City of Charleston

Jim Thomas, St. Francis Hospital

Charles Thompson, City of Charleston

Dan Vriendt, City of Charleston

Jerry Ware, City of Charleston

Scott Warner, West Virginia Division of Natural Resources

Bob Whitler, Charleston Area Medical Center

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The meeting was called to order by Mr. Nick Sparachane. It was reported that notice of the meeting had been lawfully given, a quorum was present, and the meeting was convened.

Mr. Sparachane opened the meeting by introducing members and welcoming guests.

A motion was made by Mr. Kin Sayre to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2008, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Fletcher and unanimously carried.

Chair's Report

The chair, Mr. Nick Sparachane, reported on the following.

 Explained the role of the Board and that home rule applications were received from the City of Charleston, the City of Huntington, the City of Wheeling, and the City of Bridgeport. In addition, he informed the group that each applicant city was extended an opportunity to present their detailed proposal to the Board beginning with Charleston.

Old Business

There was no old business to be discussed.

New Business

The application from the City of Charleston was presented by Mayor Danny Jones, Mr. David Molgaard, and executive staff. Representatives from state government, trade associations, businesses, and concerned citizenry were given an opportunity to declare their support and/or concerns. A frank and cordial exchange of views was heard by the Board concerning the 12 points recorded in the application.

<u>Adjournment</u>

Chair Sparachane expressed his gratitude to the City of Charleston for their hospitality as well as the opportunity to learn more about their home rule application. He then reminded members that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, April 1 in Wheeling. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.