

GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION NEWSLETTER

BOROUGH OF CARLISLE

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Welcome to the first edition of the Borough of Carlisle Government Study Commission Newsletter. The commission will use this monthly newsletter to keep citizens informed about the progress of the commission as well as the schedule for key dates and events. More detailed information on the government study commission process can be found [here](#) on the Borough of Carlisle Web Site.

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Current Status

At a public hearing on October 29, 2013, the commission voted unanimously to proceed with drafting a home rule charter. For the remainder of 2013 the commission is currently scheduled to meet the following Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at Borough Hall, 53 W. South Street in Carlisle: November 19th, December 10th and December 17th. The commission will organize itself into committees to fully examine and consider the key issues identified during the commission's research phase. The commission will, to the extent possible, make the meeting time and locations available to the public on the Borough's web site.

The key categories of issues identified during the research phase were:

1. Process to select mayor and best role for the mayor
2. Election procedures
3. Citizen right to petition for initiative/referendum
4. An alternative to using the elected tax collector
5. Alternative procedures for borough purchasing/contracts
6. Code of ethics
7. Financial impact of home rule

Public Involvement

The government study commission is seeking public input and comments on the government study commission process. Please contact the commission via e-mail at CarlislePaHR@gmail.com with your comments and suggestions. You can also find the commission on Facebook at [Carlisle Home Rule Study Commission](#). The commission strongly encourages the public to attend its meetings.

Commission Members

Kenneth Womack
David Sheridan
Robert Winston

William Berwick
Stephen Hughes
Bert Lennon

John Sacrison
Philip Shevlin
Blake Wilson

Commission Member Spotlight: Stephen Hughes

Stephen Hughes, born and raised in England, has lived in the Carlisle area for 35 years and in Carlisle Borough for 17 years. He is a retired school teacher and now works part time as a van driver for Yellow Breeches Education Center and Dickinson College. He also owns a travel company. Stephen has coached soccer at Carlisle High School and currently coaches Carlisle Nova O40 team. He is a volunteer at the Carlisle Theatre and served on the Hollywood on High and Main Stage committee. He is a founding member and current membership chairperson of the South of South Street (SoSo) Neighbors Association. In his free time he loves to garden and bake bread.