

Missoula Civic Television Advisory Commission

Minutes ~ December 15, 2009

Commission Members in Attendance: Jason Wiener, Jen Sauer, Ed Childers, Ginny Merriam, John Rettenmayer, Link Starbureiy, Carol Bellin, Jean Curtiss

Commission Members Absent: Lesli Brassfield, Antonio Guglielmo

Others in Attendance: Melani Coyle (Commission Secretary), Geoff Badenoch (MCAT Board Liaison), Joel Baird (MCAT)

John Rettenmayer called the meeting to order.

Jason Wiener moved to approve the November minutes; Ed Childers seconded. The motion passed.

Old Business

- ❖ Review current programming schedule that has been recorded/is being recorded
 - The [current programming schedule](#) was handed out.
 - H1N1 with Greg Oliver is done
- ❖ Programming ideas from the commission
 - First Night – not government hours
 - Ginny Merriam is having meetings with department heads to discuss having a weekly chat with a department head on specific projects
 - Transportation planning updates
 - Non-motorized Transportation Plan kickoff in January
 - Public hearing on closing election sites
 - MCPS budget meeting

It was discussed to have "canned intros" for regularly recorded meetings. This would help citizens know what the committee or board does, and any other pertinent information for that committee/board. It was also discussed having the agenda items scroll with the meeting so citizens would know what was being discussed. Jason Wiener will discuss this with Carl Horton, the IT Director for the City.

Ron Scholl from MCAT is putting together information on how many hours each style of meeting takes to put together so the commission will have more information when negotiating hours.

New Business

❖ Cap Letter/Resolution

Jason Wiener said Geoff Badenoch gave public comment at the committee meeting and that the resolution passed unanimously. Jean Curtiss has spoken with Joel regarding a resolution through the County Commissioners. Joel also has a meeting with Larry Anderson, field representative for Denny Rehberg to discuss the letter.

❖ **Planning for negotiations**

Ginny Merriam discussed expanding coverage to include more meetings and is working with Joel to figure out how many extra hours would be needed. Ed Childers suggested not asking for money from the general fund when figuring how much extra money would be needed.

Carol Bellin asked what needs to be done to make the three high schools capable of being "live" since the wiring has already been installed. Geoff Badenoch has visited with Dr. Apostle, Superintendent to MCPS and school board members. He has a meeting in January and said Dr. Apostle is very supportive. Dr. Apostle will work with his staff to move the project forward. Carol clarified she would like to have the appropriate equipment added to the schools and then make it available to other groups as well. School board meetings could be held in a larger location, especially when there is a topic of interest to many citizens. Ed Childers said the cables should be found and memorialized. Geoff said since the buildings have been expanded since the cables were installed, it might be better to start fresh.

Jason Wiener asked what the time line is for negotiations. Joel said the contract is up June 30, 2010.

John asked the Commission to bring additional items they would like to see added to the contract to the next meeting.

Joel will email a [draft of the contract](#) to Melani.

❖ **Draft of annual report**

Joel handed out the second draft of the annual report. Joel asked for the commission to proof it and get any additional information, corrections, etc. to him. Ginny Merriam will do the copy edit on it.

Ginny asked for commission members to give her suggestions for the letter that goes with the annual report. What would people see as accomplishments of the commission this year? Suggestions were the name change, CAP resolution, emphasis on broadening coverage of meetings such as health board, meetings of interest to citizens, zoning meeting, bylaws (investing time with the infrastructure of the commission), software streaming (advocating for active exchange with citizens).

MCAT Board Comment

Geoff Badenoch said there are a number of MCAT members whose terms are expiring. They have received applications for new members as well as from current members. They will be performing interviews.

Additional Comments

Date of next meeting:

January 19, 2010
Mayor's Conference Room
3-4 pm