

Missoula Civic Television Advisory Commission

Minutes ~ February 15, 2011

Commission Members in Attendance: Ginny Merriam, Link Starbureiy, John Rettenmayer, Jean Curtiss, Jen Sauer, Ed Childers, John Firehammer

Commission Members Absent: Lesli Brassfield, Jason Wiener, Ellen Cherry

Others in Attendance: Melani Coyle (Commission Secretary),

John Rettenmayer called the meeting to order.

The Commission welcomed new member, John Firehammer and introductions were made. John works for M&R Strategies. He is a journalist and works in public affairs.

Minutes were approved as distributed.

Old Business

- ❖ Review current programming schedule that has been recorded/is being recorded. There was nothing new on this month's scheduling.
- ❖ Programming ideas from the commission
 - Feb 22 – Homelessness Needs Assessment public meeting in Council Chambers: 6:30 open house, 7:00 meeting
 - Lecture series at UM March 23 – Elouise Cobell, lead plaintiff in the Cobell v. Salazar lawsuit will talk about progress made in the historic Claims Resolution Act of 2010. After 14 years of litigation, the landmark settlement was signed into law by President Obama in January.
 - Presidential Lecture Series at UM – US Constitution and the Living Document
 - Follow up on County Parks and Trail Plan – Jean will get information on the public meeting in March
- ❖ Annual Report – Ginny Merriam
Ginny is working on the narrative. Joel will have the numbers of hours used for programming to Ginny later in the week. He will also have the draft of the document ready for Melani to format by the end of the week.

New Business

- Officer Elections
Jean nominated John Rettenmayer for Chair, Ed seconded the motion.
Link nominated Ed Childers for Vice-Chair, Ginny seconded the motion.
The motions were approved unanimously.

MCAT Board Comment

Additional Comments

The County will be moving into new meeting space this year. The Commissioners will work with Joel and MCAT to be sure the room is wired correctly so there will be no setup time before meetings. It will be set up like the Council Chambers. John R. suggested doing a What's Up Missoula before the move so citizens know about the move and the fact that it will be a live broadcast.

Ginny discussed the City making a decision on streaming the City Council meetings and storing the video. They have had presentations by companies, but no decision has been made.

Date of next meeting:

March 15, 2011
Mayor's Conference Room
3-4 pm