



Hudson Community Television Advisory Committee

Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: December 9, 2021

Meeting Location: HCTV Studios, Hudson High School.

In attendance: Michael Beam, Kabir Bhatia, Ginny Frazer, Emily Lopick, Patrick Miller & Nick Zaklanovich.

Not in attendance: A. Dunphy.

Ex Officio: Dan Gerbracht & Nicole Kowalski - Council Liaison

Committee Member Michael Beam called the meeting to order at 6:40 P.M. Ginny Frazer took notes.

I. Greeting of members and guests

Michael greeted all in attendance. No guests were in attendance.

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Notes

The draft notes from the November 18, 2021 committee meeting were approved as written and will be posted to the Hudson City web site.

III. Station Management Report - Dan Gerbracht

Dan Gerbracht reported to the committee that HCTV is looking to renew the management system in February, 2022. There is no increase in price. There are new digital broadcast headsets for sporting events.

There are many events with Hudson City Schools in December. HCTV is also recording and broadcasting Laurel Lake Chorale for the first time.

IV. HCTV Rules for Public Access Agreement - Dan Gerbracht

Dan said a couple changes were made with the public access agreement. Cooperation with Hudson City School District was changed to partnership with Hudson City School District. There will also be a separate use agreement if someone wants to use the station. The party will contact HCTV management for that agreement. The separate use agreement will need to be created in 2022.

The public access agreement will go into effect on January 1, 2022. It will be a digital file on HCTV website and can be signed digitally. January will be a transition month every year. Michael Beam made the motion and Emily Lopick seconded to approve the public access agreement. It was passed.

Prior programming (EX City Club of Cleveland, Avon Lake Community TV) can be aired without an agreement.

V. Friends of Hudson Community Television- All

Ginny reported there were no sponsors for HHS basketball games. There is one donator for the Holiday Video. There were be a \$1,000 scholarship for a graduating 2022 HHS from Friends of HCTV. An acceptance letter will be written by Nick to Hudson Community Foundation for the funding.

VI. Alliance for Community Television Update – Nick Zaklanovich

Nick reported that on December 1st the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee approved the Biden administration nomination of Jessica Rosenworcel to a new term on the Federal Communications Commission. On December 7th, the full Senate confirmed her nomination to a new 5-year term. Ms. Rosenworcel will also become the permanent chair of the commission, following almost a year serving as interim chair. She is the first woman to serve as the chair of the FCC.

However, the nomination of Gigi Sohn to fill the other open seat on the FCC has run into patrician opposition. Reports are that at least three members of the Senate Commerce Committee are planning to delay Ms. Sohn's committee confirmation, perhaps possibly leading to the withdrawal of her nomination. Without the fifth commission seat filled, the body is split 2-2, which will stymie any substantive action by the agency.

The re-introduction of the Protect Community Television Act in the U.S. Congress may occur in the next few weeks. The original sponsors in both the House and Senate are still interested in moving the legislation forward. The act will be a repeat of the legislation that was introduced in the last congress. Co-sponsors are being solicited in both wings of Congress. No Ohio representatives or senators are currently co-sponsoring the bill. The ACM is asking member organizations to contact their respective congress members to request their support for the bill.

VII. Previous Meeting Follow Up & Once Around

Nick read a thank you note to the committee members from Barb VanBlarcum. She appreciated all the work of the HCTV Advisory Committee.

Dan reminded the committee of the dedication of the Frank Youngwerth Studio at 10:45 AM on December 13, 2021. Dan needs to be notified if you are planning to attend.

The HCTV Advisory Committee meeting schedule for next year will be the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM in the HCTV Studio.

Dan said the Kent State University students who developed the HCTV phone app will be presented to Hudson City Council on Tuesday, January 18, 2022. Michael Beam will represent HCTV Advisory Committee at that presentation. Ginny suggested that the KS students that developed the HCTV phone app might be presented at a Hudson School Board Meeting. Michael said the Kent University students who developed the HCTV phone app toured the HCTV studio with Dan. There is the possibility of future projects with HCTV.

Michael asked about the replacement for Barb. Dan said there is no discussion at this time. Several members expressed concern about the workload for HCTV staff.

VIII. Adjournment

The next committee meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 6:30 PM in the HCTV studio at Hudson High School. With no further business indicated, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.