

To: Mayor and Urbana City Council Members
From: Ruth Wyman
Date: August 5, 2004
Re: August 9, 2004 agenda item: UPTV Commission Members

I have placed on the Agenda for August 9th the issue of adding 2 members to the Urbana Public Television (UPTV) Commission. The commission currently has seven members. The change would give it 9 members, equal to other City Commissions. As an example, the Human Relations Commission and the Plan Commission each have nine members.

As you may recall, some time ago, the Mayor brought forth a recommendation to appoint a Urbana Free Library staff member and member of the public to be appointed to the UPTV Commission. The Council approved those recommendations.

It was recently discovered that the appointments were made in error because there was only space according to the ordinance (Sec. 24-152, Composition attached) to have seven members. This proposed change would rectify that error.

Because the Library is such a strong and important part of the Public, Education, and Government (PEG) aspect and could have so much to contribute in discussions about the UPTV programming, I believe that it would be helpful to add a Library staff position (appointed by *the* mayor with approval of council from nominees named by the Urbana Free Library).

I also believe that it would be helpful to add the additional person (so that we have an uneven number of members in case of a tie) as a UPTV member.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. I have spoken briefly with Chris Foster, our PEG coordinator, and some of *you* about this issue. I would be happy to discuss this issue with you further before the committee meeting if you would like. Feel free to call me at (217) 367.5643 or email: rewyman@hotmail.com.

Please find attached a copy of the current ordinance listing the composition of the UPTV Commission.

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Sec. 24-152. Composition.

The UPTV Commission shall be composed of seven (7) commissioners. Four (4) commissioners shall be the same individuals who serve as the City of Urbana's four (4) members of the Champaign-Urbana Cable and Telecommunications Commission. One (1) commissioner shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council and shall be chosen from among the members in good standing of Urbana Public Television. One (1) commissioner shall be appointed by the mayor with approval of the council from nominees named by the director of parks and recreation of the Urbana Park District or the director's representative. One (1) commissioner shall be appointed by the mayor with approval of council from nominees named by the Board of Urbana School District No. 116.

(Ord. No. 9697-121, § 2, 4-21-97)

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