

**URBANA PUBLIC TELEVISION
COMMISSION**

DATE: December 12, 2005
Monday, 12:00 PM

PLACE: City Council Chambers, Urbana City Building

MEMBERS PRESENT

Barb Gladney
Durl Cruse
Peter Resnick
Greg Boozell
Danielle Chynoweth
Kathy Wallig

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dana Mancuso

STAFF PRESENT

Chris Foster

OTHERS PRESENT

Jim Gitz

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 PM.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

STAFF REPORT

Chris Foster reported on activities since April and stated that camera checkouts have been good. Low studio and editing bay hours.

Presentation of Kali Boyden's report and discussion concerning her working hours.

Complaint form presented and process of citizen complaint discussed

OLD BUSINESS

A. Studio Policies - Chris Foster presented studio policy changes. Added to the studio policy is the line that fees may be revised at the discretion of the UPTV Commission and Urbana City Council. Studio hours: Use of UPTV studio allowed during normal business hours when other City meetings are not scheduled. The studio is also available on Friday evenings from 4 to 8 pm. Suggestion that the policy clarify that City holidays are excluded and also that other after hour times may be arranged. There was discussion at the September meeting about charging a fee for use of the studio, and it was decided to bring it up for discussion in six months. It will be presented again at the March meeting.

Budget for UPTV presented by Chris Foster

NEW BUSINESS

A. National Telecom Legislation – City Attorney Jim Gitz informed the UPTV Commission about legislation drafted in November by the Telecommunications Subcommittee. The goal is to go on record with the responses to the draft of the legislation as is before Congress. What is done in this resolution, in draft form, is to highlight local control of right-of-way, including construction rights that this would negatively impact local franchise authority and fees, reduce competition and lead to working against public interest. The resolution has not been distributed yet. The legislation is at committee level now and may come to the floor of the House either late December or early January. Gregg Boozell suggested an amendment to section 2, line 2 be reworded to read: ...and insures that funding, channel capacity and band width, for public, education and public access is maintained. Add Obama and Durbin's name to those who oppose the legislation.

B. Public Access Study Committee Report – The recommendation for resolution by the Public Access Study Committee is that The City of Urbana work with The City of Champaign as soon as possible to secure the services of a consultant for upcoming cable TV franchise renewal. The consultant should have a documented record of success for Public Access. Commissioner Chynoweth moved that the recommendation be sent to Bruce Walden and Mayor Prussing with this language. Commissioner Resnick seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote, Commissioner Wallig voted no. Resolution passed.

NEXT MEETING DATE

March 13, 2006 at 12:00 PM in Urbana City Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT

Chair adjourned the meeting.