

Minutes

Missoula Civic Television Advisory Commission

Zoom Meeting

August 17, 2020

Commission Members in Attendance: Chris Badgley, Hatton Littman, Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Amber Sherrill, Toffer Lehnherr, Sandra Vasecka, Nevin Graves and Jen Sauer

Commission Members Absent: Ginny Merriam and Allison Franz

Others in Attendance: Mike Painter, Joel Baird (MCAT) and Heidi Bakula (Mayor's Office)

1. The minutes of July 20, 2020 were approved as submitted.
2. Public Comment

Mike Painter thanked Joel Baird for all the work he was doing for MCAT.

3. Commission Member Comment

Toffer Lehnherr asked if school board meetings were being broadcast and Hatton Littman indicated that they were on the MCPS page, the MCAT page and Local and Live too. Many were asking questions at the school board meeting and there was confusion about how the meetings work since it is not a forum to ask the school board questions.

Hatton asked if the city council would be shifting to in-person meetings anytime soon. Amber Sherrill and Sandy Vasecka indicated that they would not be. They will continue to be virtual. Amber added that they were continuing to work on the system in order to be as open to the public as possible.

Hatton asked Joel Baird what MCAT's role was in order to problem solve public meetings. Joel said that MCAT really didn't have the capabilities to do more than they were. Joel said in order to have an exterior input they could point one camera at another camera.

Chris Badgely thought maybe there needed to be a lottery system set up for a certain amount of the public to attend meetings in person.

Joel asked Hatton about high school sports this fall. Hatton said they were currently working on updated schedules. They are also meeting with the health department to figure out how it will all work and total group size. She will make the request to Joel soon. They want cross-country and soccer to be live streamed since those events are not currently filmed in the event there are no fans to cheer on participants. Joel just said to let him know and they can figure out something.

4. Old/Continuing Business

- a. Review current programming schedule that has been recorded/is being recorded

Old

- Grant Creek Community Council
- Tour of the Missoula Art Museum exhibits with the 360 degree camera
- Montana Public Interest Research Group
- Western Montana Fair activities
- UM Drama Dance with Mike Monsos
- Missoula Community Theater and UM Drama and Dance activities

New/Proposed Ideas

- Elections and Election Information with Bradley Seaman
- School Information
- Rail Authority that Missoula County is pursuing for service in Montana
- Nine more videos of the various school projects that were part of the school bond. Maybe in Spring 2021.

5. New Business

- a. Report on the Hours – Joel Baird

Joel asked if the commission could discuss the hours at a later date since he is not yet in a central office.

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Bakula
Executive Assistant