## MEETING MINUTES DCAT GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE March 28, 2006

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Erika Mantz, David Langley, Peter Brown, Tom Merrick, Craig Stevens, George Kachadorian, Kathy Kentner, Henry Smith, Paul Gasowski **EXCUSED:** Carol Camp

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Peter Brown called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
- II. AGENDA APPROVAL: Approved.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approved, with three abstentions.
- IV. DCAT SUPERVISOR REPORT: Beefed up Thursday and Sunday with new programming that's come in geared for PEG access channels. Wants to look at identifying specific days for school and town programming, the committee agreed to add "Town/School Programming Split" to agenda under New Business.
- V. **REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF MEMBERS:** George: Thanked Peter and Kathleen for their service. Tom: Contacted Bryan Christiansen at Comcast, who is willing to talk with the committee informally. He will be attending the next meeting. Paul: Tom and Paul recorded the same program; both reflected poor image quality, but for different reasons. Paul has done some adjustments to the cameras and will check to see if that improved. They will also watch the tapes together to try to determine if the problem is the school feed or a problem in Tom's neighborhood. District tech committee is working on policy revision; expected to go to leadership team in May and then the School Board. Fashion show program (benefit for American Cancer Society) will air this week. Students modeled with faculty and administrators commentating. Another upcoming program is a French exchange student doing a cooking program. Peter: Asked Craig about whether some items were the bulletin board. Suggested committee members look at a site that has some video in the public domain. www.archive.org/details/prelinger. George said you have to purchase broadcast quality. Erica Hunter will work with Peter to do a session on interviewing techniques and filming. Thanked everyone for being on the committee; hopes to see more community participating.
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS:
  - A. Town/school programming split: Craig suggested he and Paul talk before bringing something to the committee.
  - B. When we meet with representative from Comcast, Paul is going to suggest to the district that it ask for a separate school channel. Paul reported that Lee has a community access channel, channel 13. They have a franchise fee, and the town also appropriated some money.
- IX. **NEXT MEETING:** April 25, 2006, 7 p.m.
- X. **ADJOURNMENT:** 7:55 p.m.