

DCAT Governance Committee Minutes
Wednesday, February 10, 2010, 7:00 PM
Durham Police Department Meeting Room

Members Present: Diana Carroll, Craig Stevens, Dianne Thompson (chair), Ed Valena, Todd Ziemek

Members Absent: Dave Langley, Erika Mantz, Chip Neal, Kathleen Young

- I. Call to order at 7:00; agenda approved
- II. Approval of Minutes from meeting of October 21, 2009 – Minutes approved
- III. Public Concerns - None
- IV. DCAT Supervisor's Report – Craig reported that it will be a busy month coming up with candidate forums (Town Council and Library Trustees on February 23). He also reported that the candidate forum for the School Board will bump the live ZBA meeting of February 16.

Craig also reported that Todd Z. created a video of the Winter Festival and Chili Cook-Off. This half-hour video will be cablecast over the upcoming weeks.

- V. ORCSD Report - Kathleen was not able to attend the meeting due to a rescheduled School Board meeting. No report was delivered.
- VI. Old Business – Dianne referred to three questions brought forward by the policy review subcommittee. 1) Bicycle Programming: The consensus was that given that bicycle programming is created for public access, then its appropriateness is usually not an issue. 2) Program Credits Language: The consensus was that the existing language is acceptable. 3) Commercial Tie-Ins for DCAT: There was a wide-ranging discussion on this issue with many aspects of local business promotion and community building brought up. The consensus was that commercial references in the bylaws should stay intact, but an additional section should be written for non-profits.

Dianne referred to upcoming contract renewal with Comcast. Issues discussed were: 1) Second Station Managed and Operated by the Schools: The consensus was that such an addition would benefit both the Town and the Schools (with increased programming hours for both), that the School Board would have to be willing to accept the responsibilities of such an addition, and that Kathleen would have to take on a leadership role in making this happen. It was also the consensus that such a split should happen sooner than later, and not become embroiled in the contract negotiations. 2) Disposition of a Surcharge: It was discussed how any surcharge added to cable fees and returned to the Town would go into the General Fund and might not benefit DCAT programming. 3) Technology Reviews: There was discussion of five year and annual technology reviews, and how the process of these reviews should be specified in the contract.

- VII. New Business – Dianne noted a question from Jen Berry regarding the Council's consideration of placing non-residents in voting seats on town committees. The

consensus was that a non-resident might bring valuable expertise to the DCAT committee, and therefore the committee was open to such non-resident appointments. Diana will report this sentiment to the Council.

Ed reported on a conversation with Todd Selig in which Todd expressed the desire to video unruly, late-night student behavior and cablecast it on DCAT. There was a discussion on the best way to film such activity (stationary remote camera from above or handheld camera from within the crowd) and questions were raised as to possible unintentional consequences from such programming. Craig will talk with Todd.

VIII. Next meeting date: March 10, 2010