

KOOP Community Council Meeting Minutes, 12 April 2017

Call to order: Pedro calls the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Members present: Pedro Gatos, April Sullivan, Susan Slattery, Greg Ciotti, Roscoe Overton, Gilka Cespedes and Alan Pogue (secretary). Visitors: Piper LeMoine & Frank Cuellar and Susan, a new volunteer.

1. Roscoe moves to approve to approve the March minutes, Pedro seconds, unanimous approval. April moves the approval of the agenda, it is 2nd; unanimous approval.
2. ROCO potential timeslot move – **Greg & Pedro** Discussion. Greg applied to reinstate the pilot show as a community oriented focus with volunteer access to hosting topics of their interest. Talked about a one hour ROCO show but it could be half hour segments. The Program Committee was interested wanted to know more about the Pilot Show and possibly slotting it on Tuesdays. The ROCO Show showcases non-profits and has been on Mondays for a long time and logistically it may be difficult for all key members of the collective to reschedule their commitments from Mondays to Tuesdays. Pedro says that Austin Artist – ROCO lineup has worked well and ROCO collective member Sean Rhea has indicated a schedule conflict, but is open to the consensus of the ROCO collective.
3. Potential KOOP-KAZI partnership initiatives-
 - a. cooperative community alliance with local church community effort of aiding and assisting people in need – **Roscoe**

Roscoe suggests for KOOP community involvement with the University Presbyterian “UPLift” program that provides assistance to people in need of many things, from rental assistance to work boots. Roscoe suggests a jazz festival that both KOOP and KAZI could help promote. Roscoe spoke with Beverly Shaw and she is interested. Pedro says that when money is being made for another entity by using KOOP’s resources there are guidelines that need to be followed but should be easily able to satisfy without jeopardizing the concept, but we need to make sure are vetted and see what and if KAZI would be interested. Pedro agrees to reach out accordingly to KAZI.

Susan suggests that if it is only outreach then there is no problem but when money is being made then KOOP has to ask what is in it for KOOP as we are a non-profit also.

Frank asks about gospel music as the theme and having such a festival quarterly. It is suggested that once a year is hard enough. He said we also have to look into whatever rules KAZI has. Roscoe said he had looked at jazz and gospel as themes and jazz was very popular.

Roscoe asks if there is general agreement on the concept then what has to happen next? Pedro suggests we come up with a proposal to formally submit to the board.

Roscoe : motions that a formal proposal be drafted to submit to the KOOP board for promotion of a music festival in support of a music festival project of Uplift which helps those in need, sponsored by the University Presbyterian Church.

Roscoe so moves, April seconds, unanimous approval.

Roscoe will work with Susan and Pedro on the final wording of the proposal.

b. Softball team possibility. Pedro brings up the possibility of a joint KOOP and KAZI softball team. Susan suggests “Team Kilowatts”. There is a discussion of the history of the KOOP softball team. No motion.

4. 2017 KOOP April & May Celebration Events Policy update & Policy Update:

Earth Day- Greg shares, floods in Peru and Columbia will be a focus on his Earth Day show. Gilka said she will introduce her show with Andean approaches to ecological issues. Great areas are being deforested for soy, cattle and palm oil. Monsanto plays a role in this.

Pedro reminds everyone to have their event PSAs made ahead of time and to follow Susan’s email posted list of CSA deadlines for community celebration events. Our policy will be updated accordingly to the drop dead dates Susan has put out.

May Day CC member and liaison Shane will be on top of it and meet end of this month deadline regarding CSA.

Pedro suggested the value of creating an archive of the instances of the promotion of Celebration events by programmers which can be used for potential grant support down the road.. Susan suggests an easy way for programmers to record mentions of events.

5. Old Business updates & Open Forum –

- a. Update on Community Council Web Page Calendar Support for April– April said calendar support was good, a good response to her requests for updates of activities.
- b. KAZI-KOOP Community 3/17-18 Event update – The last KAZI-KOOP event. Roscoe observed that activities such as musical events tend to move toward later at night so the event should have started more around 5 p.m. than at noon. Susan also mentioned timing as a cause of low turn out.
- c. HD expansion...mission-oriented programming...pod casting... News / Public Affairs... opportunity for more diverse & inclusive outreach to the community opportunities – CC support role – **Shane:**
Shane was not present for community event updates.

Open Forum:-

April spoke about new orientation classes. She asked about “work parties”. Pedro shared “volunteer work parties” were an early idea, simply ad hoc gatherings regularly on Saturdays around things that needed to be done at the studio.

Greg wanted to send out a “thanks” to Michelle Moore and April Sullivan for their work on Bike Month. Ride your bike to work is May 15th.

Greg will be working on World refugee Day, June 17th.

Greg shared a discussion of slavery in Georgetown, Texas. In 1832 the Jesuits sold many of their slaves in order to avoid bankruptcy.

The Williamson county courthouse has a plaque referring to slaves as immigrants. The general topic was humans as a commodity and this would be a topic he would be hosting a panel on *Bringing Light Into Darkness* due to its importance later this month.

Frank Piper **Rancho Alegre** spoke about having a negative interaction with the owner of a local car dealership he approached as a sponsor of a non KOOP event which resulted in involving the KOOP ED. There is an ongoing appeal process going on before the Board. Pedro asked if there was a specific of the CC that was being made and the response was that they just wanted the CC to know were not asking us to intervene. The CC consensus was since it was before the Board and one side was not represented at our meeting and there was no formal request being made that it was not appropriate for the CC to take any further action.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m. The next meeting was called for May 10th, the second Wednesday of May, 7:30pm.