KOOP CC 17-06-14 minutes


Pedro Gatos called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

1. Amend and/or Approve June 2017 agenda & April 2017 minutes  
Agenda unanimously approved with Roscoe requesting the agenda order be changed. Because May meeting did not meet quorum there are no May Minutes to approve. The April minutes were just in and have 72 hours for additions and corrections.

Roscoe asked that item #6c be taken up first. Unanimously approved. Roscoe makes a presentation on the University Presbyterian Church’s program to help the homeless and other people in dire financial need pay their rent utilities, get a bus pass, identification cards and other basic human services. They try to find existing services so no funds will be necessary. Some help requires money to be spent. This is a long standing program that happens every Tuesday, 10 a.m., at the church complex location behind the Guadalupe drag and we are invited to be there. Roscoe’s outreach proposal is that KOOP radio help promote a church Jazz Festival in order of some sort to raise money for this program and wishes the Community Council on behalf of KOOP radio endorse the idea and promote it. The entire CC is interested in the idea and KAZI is mentioned as a possible partner. Pedro and Susan mention that we need to be very clear about the KOOP guidelines for such sponsorship. Funding for a good cause will be raised but it is for another non-profit and some of our resources will be used. Pedro and Susan volunteer to attend an upcoming Tuesday event at the Church and will council with the executive director just to be sure of how to proceed. Promoting such services for the underserved is an admirable project for the CC to explore.

2. Community Council participation in the Awesmic City Expo 2017’s Festival of Cosmic Cultures – Anyah (10 minutes)

Anyah makes a presentation on the upcoming Awesmic City Expo 2017, December 16-17. She indicates she has spoken with our ED Beverly and describes the many activities: art demonstrations and participation of youth in these, music, poetry, youth making robots, and the celebration of all cultures. Anyah asks that the community council have a presence at the event. After some discussion it is agreed it could be a great opportunity for any of the 50 KOOP Community Council Organization members to promote their missions. Potentially, KOOP will receive a percentage of the tickets bought at the door. April says notice of the Awesmic event could start in July. Pedro asks April to coordinate publicity with Anyah by sending out invites to the CC organization members to see if there is potential interest.

Pedro shares that there are existing policies in place under section 9 Workplace Safety & Code of Conduct that were largely drafted by the CC at the request of our former ED Kim McCarson. Among them is ‘9.17 Committee on Workplace Conduct and Safety’. This Committee serves as an advisory judgment body regarding investigating potential incidents and initiating appropriate action. The recommendation being considered is recommending edits to the overall policy including a change in the composition of the five members that currently make up the ‘Committee on Workplace Conduct and Safety’.

There is a general discussion of what to do when someone feels they have been treated unfairly within KOOP radio and most people are aware of the existing policy. The idea is that the current make up of the committee includes Board member representation and that since final arbitration decisions lie with the Board, the CC will discuss recommending a different composition and general facelift of the policy for Board and stationwide consideration. Pedro will lead the effort and forward policy recommendation change drafts to the CC for comment and guidance.

4. 2017 KOOP May, June & July Celebration Events & Policy Update:
April reports that all PSAs are coming in on time for up-coming celebration events. Shane is covering May Day. Pedro has Juneteenth programming lined up for both ROCO and Bringing Light Into Darkness. Greg has programming lined up for Stonewall and LGBTQ Rights. April is covering the American with Disabilities Act programming. Anyah is in charge of coordinating for the Indian Pow Wow. The CC’s Celebration Event Policy is in the process of updating to include clearer understanding of due date responsibilities.

5. Community Council Member Election Vacancies
Pedro reports that the Board is actively recruiting Board members and reminded the CC that we have vacant slots as well. With the annual election coming up in October there may be board members being promoted ahead of that schedule to fill seats and needs. Susan asks about the number of CC positions available. Pedro responds that there are now 9 persons on the CC board and there could be as many as 14, 7 + 7. April suggests that she could mention these vacancies in emails to the CC list. There is a general discussion of ways to reach out to our non-profit groups for their participation.

6. Old Business updates & Open Forum –
   a. Update on Community Council Web Page Calendar Support for April – April reported that Anyah has volunteered to help out and she is getting the help she needs.
   b. HD expansion…mission-oriented programming…pod casting… News / Public Affairs… opportunity for more diverse & inclusive outreach to the community opportunities – CC support role – Shane
      HD band width expansion. Shane tells us that dealing with the added
possibilities of the increased band width is apparently not a priority of the station at this time. He will articulate the CC interest in utilizing this band width with the E.D. and others at the station.

c. **cooperative community alliance with local church community effort of aiding and assisting people in need – Roscoe**
   (moved under agenda item 1 above)

d. **cooperative softball team alliance to promote ‘Austin community radio’- Pedro** The possibility of a KOOP softball team was brought up by Pedro. There was discussion but no recommendation.

7. There was agreement that the next meeting will be on July 12th, the usual second Wednesday of the month.

   Anyah moves adjournment, Pedro seconds. All agree. Adjourned at 9:15 p.m.