

CALOP Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 24, 2011
University City City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room
6:00 PM

Members Present: Eric Friedman, James Reeves, Mae Etta Weston, Rick Simoncelli, Gladys Creer, Bob Wilcox, and Councilman L. Michael Glickert

Members Absent: Dennis Riggs and Mary Williams

Also Present: Genise Lay and Bill Streeter

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Friedman at 6:05 pm. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Creer and seconded by Mr. Wilcox. The motion was approved.

Bill Streeter, St. Louis Brick City

Mr. Streeter appeared before the commission to give a report on the status of his film project St. Louis Brick City. Mr. Streeter reported that the film was close to completion with production taking place a little over a year. Mr. Streeter also relayed that the B-roll had been shot, archival material was obtained and music had been developed. After presenting a trailer and clips of the film, Mr. Streeter requested an additional two months to complete the film and also requested the second and third installment of his grant.

After hearing from Mr. Streeter, a motion to extend the deadline to the next two months was made by Mr. Simoncelli and seconded by Mr. Wilcox. The motion was approved.

Approval of Minutes

Review of the minutes from January 27, 2011 was tabled until the next meeting.

Recycling RFP

The commission reviewed the revised draft of the recycling RFP submitted Mr. Simoncelli and Ms. Weston, which included additional suggestions submitted by Mr. Friedman. Discussion was held about the intent of the RFP. The commission also talked about whether the RFP would be necessary or if the commission could sponsor an existing recycling project since HEC-TV was currently participating in a recycling film project and the city was considering outsourcing its refuse/recycling services. A motion to postpone final discussion until Dennis Riggs or another HEC-TV representative explains the HEC-TV recycling project was made by Ms. Weston and seconded by Mr. Reeves. The motion was approved.

Five-Year Plan

Mr. Wilcox informed the commission that he had made a few revisions to the draft of the five-year plan. Mr. Wilcox advised that the commission should consider expanding the language about supporting economic development. Mr. Wilcox added that if CALOP enters into a contract for archival services with Washington University, then information regarding the matter should be included in the five-year plan. The commission will review the plan at the next meeting.

Community Access

Mr. Friedman reported that the city's control over the community access contract will end at the end of the year. Control will go to the Public Service Commission. At that time, AT&T and Charter will not have to provide cities with funding for community access. The Community Access Preservation Act (CAP) will be introduced as a bill in an effort to preserve community access. If the bill is not passed at the end of the year, then the city will have no legal authority to require cable companies to fund community access channels and CALOP. The cable companies may enter into an agreement with cities voluntarily.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm due to a lack of quorum after three commission members left the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mae Etta Weston
Secretary

Prepared by Genise Lay