

B. New Station Manager Position

Mr. Liggett explained that he and Bill Dejarnette, Information Services Manager, had updated the job description and it is now moving on to Ron Eldridge, Finance Department Manager, and then onto Human Resources to begin advertising the position. Chair Gladney asked that the commission receive a copy of the job description and a progress report as this process plays out. Commissioner Durl Kruse stated that he understands filling the position takes time, but he doesn't want to see any unnecessary delays. The commission also expressed that if needed Commissioner Peter Resnick would be willing to sit in on the interviewing process again.

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no participation from the audience.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Franchise Negotiation Update

Mr. Liggett informed the commission that the Urbana City Council granted Comcast a franchise extension until April 1, 2010. Commissioner Gladney confirmed that negotiations are being handled by legal staff from the City of Urbana. Commissioner Kruse suggested that any thoughts or input be forwarded to Commissioner David Gehrig.

B. Open Media Project Update

Mr. Liggett stated that during the November 12, 2009 group call the beta stations discussed the genre list which will categorize the various videos available via the websites. During the December 10, 2009 group call the beta stations discussed self-scheduling which will allow public access members to upload and schedule their program from any internet connection. Mr. Liggett stated that Denver Open Media was having trouble getting information from Leightronix (UPTV's video playback server) about their API. Commissioner Resnick suggested looking into Leightronix's licensing terms for their API. Chair Gladney asked that Commissioner Resnick follow up with Mr. Liggett on the API issue. Commissioner Kruse and Commissioner Resnick also suggested following up with legal staff from the City of Urbana. Commissioner Resnick also wondered how much bandwidth the Open Media Project is consuming and if we had to limit the times of day for uploading. Mr. Liggett stated that staff is currently not having to limit the times of day for uploading.

Chair Gladney asked if there were any new updates for projects with the Urbana Park District, Urbana Free Library, or the Urbana School District. Mr. Liggett stated the UPTV is currently working with a high school intern on producing high school event broadcasts. Mr. Liggett and Commissioner Carol Inskeep informed the commission

about past projects and the possibility for future opportunities. Chair Gladney pointed out that the Urbana Park District's Board of Commissioners is broadcast on UPTV.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

X. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Resnick reported that the Urbana-Champaign Big Broadband project had received word from the federal government that Urbana-Champaign had made it to the due diligence phase and is currently answering questions that the federal government had about their application.

Chair Gladney mentioned the possibility of a city owned building becoming a community media center. She urged Commissioners to think about the topic. Chair Gladney asked Mr. Liggett for an update on cucabletv.com. Mr. Liggett explained that cucabletv.com is a joint website between the four PEG stations in the community and that it is up and running. Representatives from each channel are meeting the following Monday to discuss the site.

XI. SET THE NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting date was set for Friday, March 12th at 12:00 p.m. in the Urbana City Council Chambers. The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.