CAB Meeting Minutes, 08 March, 2022

CAB Members
Al Schweizer, Alicia deFonzo, Alison Schoew, Charlotte Hudgins, Chris O’Brien, Denise Fisher, Felicia Mebane, Lacy Shirey, Margie Wiley, Season Roberts, Tom Isenhour, Uday Khambhammettu

WHRO Members: Bert Schmidt, Nancy Rogan

- 1805: Uday begins with opening comments. Welcomes Bert Schmidt
- 1809: Bert Schmidt speaks about WHRO, how important the CAB and their input is to the station. Reviews the Newsroom and the future plans for the Newsroom, to include working to fund a $20M endowed fund to grow and sustain it. Endowment has grown. New daily program is still in development. Will work with HR Community Foundation for a community event in January of 2023 around journalism.
- 1845: December agenda was approved
  - Comments from Chair.
    - Two years ago was the last meeting in this room before COVID
    - Back full circle
    - CAB has been resilient
    - Thank you to the Board for participating and contributing.

Producer Sharing

- Al – Family and neighbors like All Things Great and Small and Around the World in 80 Days
- Lacy – Animal Welfare issue in General Assembly, more humane practices. Animals (beagles) used for breeding research animals are being released. They are mostly healthy, need to adapt.
- Felicia – NSU: a lot of building. How are communities going to change?
  - Alison – Railroad district. New apartments. Growing neighborhoods
  - Alicia – new housing is very expensive. Rent out of control.
  - Mechelle – reporter Ryan prices are set by military housing allowance.
  - Felicia – one angle is to look at the demographics and how they have changed.
- Alicia – concerns about student retention high enrollment cliff – high acceptance rate skyrocketed, and high dropout rate. Feels like “preying” on weak, not really supporting those in need. DFWI - % is high.
  - Mechelle – If these are happening at other places. Good indication that these are trends.
- Felicia – pivot points at developmental stages. Cal U told to reduce enrollment.
- Margie – Financial services are very hybrid. “Metaverse” people are comfortable meeting this way. Niece 5 was outgoing pre COVID, now is uncomfortable in class. How has this affected kids? Is there a new style of learning teachers will need to teach to with kids learning remotely for two years
  - Uday, his son did not like Zoom.
  - Margie – introverts and extraverts are affected differently. Broader reach than just children.
  - Season – Board meetings are well attended on Zoom.
• Felicia – Cryptocurrency is hot right now.
  o Nancy WHRO has a policy about how to accept it.
• Uday – Climate change making Langley Air Force Base more resilient. Lasalle Avenue Corridor, the entire Riverdale neighborhood is impacted by Sea Level Rise. Coming up with physical intervention. A lot happening. Need to hold officials accountable.
• Uday – New committee: liaise and engage with ELBows
  o Denise, Alicia, and Felicia volunteered
• Al – Membership. Will review attendance and term limits. Need exact numbers of who is returning to know how many seats are open.
  o Denise – mentioned it is helpful to have a reminder.
• Lacy asked about volunteer needs.
  o Nancy responded – Development has decided not to open up for volunteers yet.
  o Margie inquired about reading for The Voice. NR will get an answer and get back to her.
• Happening: March 20, Andria McClellan – Engage Norfolk.
• 19:30 Adjourned