

## CCTV Center for Media & Democracy

*The mission of CCTV Center for Media & Democracy is to open the door for democratic social change to happen. We aim to be a trusted provider of free speech training, tools and channels. We serve activists, civic leaders, nonprofits and community members who want to increase their reach and impact.*

## MINUTES

Thursday September 14, 2017

**Welcome & Attendance:** Mike McNamara, Jason Pelletier, Erin and Josie Malone, Jane Knodell, Tess Gauthier

**Staff:** Kathleen Swanson and LG Davitian

**Approval of Minutes** – [May 2017](#) - Approved

**Financials** - [August 2017](#) - Approved

### DISCUSSION/ ACTION

- **Channel 17 Staff Changes** - Chris has left/ Party tomorrow and noon. Meghan is new Channel Director, Alex is new Production Coordinator. This is a good transition. It reflects the nature of job and readiness of staff to assume the position.
- **BAMO Update** - See [Draft Tech Operating Agreement](#) - Logistical and cultural issues that make it hard for us to move into to full fledge partnership. People are trying actively to put systems and processes in place, such as Tech Core and Tech Team agreements. Example: tracking our collective time over the next six months. We have to keep pushing but be patient as we try to let all these things come together.
- **Streaming First - Channel 17 Update** - Jason - Project is out of the pilot phase and each municipality core meetings are streamed live now and embedded on the CCTV.org We are aiming for 100% completion of successful live streams.
- **BT Sale Update** - Jane - Nondisclosure agreements prevented the community to know who the bidders are and who the choices are. Despite pushback, the parties agreed to undo the LOI's. To open the process, the bidders agreed to open the LOIs. The attached outlines the process. Currently the final letters of intent will be released next week. Council will look at in Executive Session. These will be released next Wednesday. **Special Meeting on Monday October 2nd.** Go from four down to 2 at that meeting. Finalist public vote. Meeting on 9/25 and 10/2. Councillors may hold neighborhood meetings. Think the final vote will be October 16th. Meanwhile, independent financial analysis to add to Dorman and Fawcett's analysis (they stand to get 10% of the proceeds plus they are managing the process, per Bluewater requirement).
- **Board Recruitment: Discussion** - Mary Simons of Conversations with the Open Road is interested and LG is meeting with her next week. Discussion: Are there other people for whom our work is important for their day to day well-being. Talk more with person engaged in the work.
- **Strategic Direction Status** - See the graphic and written description. Board can help with development and community engagement work.

- **FY17 Budget Preview** - We are pending the CGVT conversation. We have a budget draft underway for approval at next meeting, 10/12.
- **Marlboro/ CGVT Merger Status** - VCF committed an additional \$20K (up to \$60K) for both CGVT and Center for New Leadership. We need at least another \$40K to float a new Director of the joint program. We will speak more with VCF in a week about prospects from major philanthropists. LG is preparing two budgets for consideration based on the fact that we may continue to operate CGVT in next FY. At minimum they will be located in our office for next several months.

**ADJOURN: 5:50 p.m.**

**2017: Second Thursdays:** 10/12, 11/9, 12/14 Holiday Party

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