COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING Minutes
June 11, 2024

Attendance:
Charlotte Hudgins, Alison Schoew, Lacy Shirey, Rowena Finn, Tom Isenhour, Peg Volk, Hoda Zaki, Stephanie Robinson, Ben Lynerd, Felicia Mebane, Season Roberts

Meeting opened and 6:07

- Last meeting for Charlotte, passing the Chair to Season.
- Group thanked Charlotte for all her dedication and leadership and sharing her love for public media. She will continue to help out with pledge.
- Allison Schoew is also rolling off the board. Alison also thanked for her time and commitment to Public Media. She will also continue to help out with pledge.
- March minutes approved
- Nancy provided updates for Michelle for Newsroom update email

- Nancy General Info
    - WHRO website and Advisory Board pages. CAB may want to have the same information as ELBOWs along with head shots and text for each member
    - Looking for volunteers for Pride Fest this Saturday
    - 2 new reporters for the news department. Cianna Morales-Virginia Beach and Nick McNamara-Peninsula and Suffolk.

- Lisa Godley –Producer update
    - Spoke about the Juneteenth Show and festivities planned for 6/13
    - Another view received 2 awards.

- General CAB input on regional updates and information
    - Stephanie spoke about the money that Suffolk is getting from speed camera tickets and the traffic issues. But not using it.
        - Also, only two lane highway in and out of Suffolk. Wreck on 58 bocks access for hours.
    - General discussion re: ODU merging with EVMS for Macon and Joan Brock Virginia Health and Sciences at ODU.
    - Ben suggested that we look into the Shoe Lane issue at CNU that VCIJ and Pro Publica researched and wrote about. 40 households displaced. He said that there is a lot more to the story and that we should try to pick up where it left off. CNU has a committee devoted to researching the families that were displaced during the building of the school in the 60's.
    - General input: Youngkin and Voting district concern
    - Rowena suggested looking into the issue about the black woman that was almost turned down to buy a VB condo because she is black. NYT picked up the story but more should be done to expose the problem in VB.

    - Committee is going through lots of applications for spots on the board. Rowena has been outreaching to the Asian community.
    - Lacy is getting involved with the underserved community, maybe CAB can get involved. Felicia talked about the community outreach. Hoda suggested using libraries, Nancy advised that our education department would be the best for library outreach as they have the relationships around the region.
    - Rowena advised that Filipino Independence Day will be celebrated at Ohef Shalom temple
    - Any events can be sent 2 weeks ahead to our journalism department for consideration to be included
    - Rowena has 2 pieces of art in the MOCA museum in VB through Jan 25
    - Charlotte and Season talked about Season taking over as chair and how they are looking for a new vice chair now. Advised anyone interested to apply.

- Membership update:
    - Lots of good applications to review
    - August 13 will be the meet and greet for new potential members.

- Board presentation on WHRO boards,
    - January 14 for CAB, ELBows, and Student Advisory Board. Will be looking for commitment to be on committee to plan.

- Story Corp will be in Williamsburg July 10-13, looking for Vets, and family members to tell their stories by virtual recording. Rowena will reach out to the Filipino community.
    - Felicia did Story Corp years back with her family. Great opportunity.

- Upcoming events,
    - Nancy advised that the Elbows will be sponsoring “Play your Heart Out” at Smartmouth, Norfolk on June 27th.
    - June 15th Launch event for Virginia Humanities partnership.