

## **CAB minutes February 2016**

CAB members present: Carrie Montague, Meadow Lark Washington, Peggy O'Brecht, Jan Dates, Dana Moulden, Gail Katz, Dale McArdle, Kerrie Burch Deluca, Muriel Berkeley, Mike Karas

Board and Staff present: Tony Brandon, Aaron Henkin, Cindy Amitin, Cynthia Berman, Gary Levine

CAB members not present: Mac McComas, Brittany Oliver, Robyn Stegman, Nikki Massie, Doug Carroll, Mike Glasser, Tom Kohn, Tom Klassen, Don Palmer, Skip Cochran, Alex Price, Gina Hoag

Meeting Called to Order

-Minutes from December, 2015 approved

-Carrie described the memorial service held at the station in early January for Deborah Davis. It was attended by members of the staff, Friends, and CAB as well as Deborah's siblings. It was an unstructured gathering where people shared memories and thoughts about Deborah. Her formal service is on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

-WYPR Station News – Tony Brandon

Tony described his recent trip to Cuba with the WYPR group led by Andy Bienstock. Wonderful, sold-out trip focusing on arts and culture. WYPR will host two trips to Cuba next year.

WYPR finished the first six months of the fiscal year ahead of budget in revenues while remaining flat on expenses. The year has been extraordinary in terms of the success and quantity of the station's journalism; more content than ever before went to NPR. Plans are underway for more new projects and podcasts. Maryland Morning will expand to five days a week after Labor Day.

Several iconic NPR figures will retire or reduce air time: Diane Rehm and Garrison Keillor will retire, and Frank Deford will cut down to once a month.

Tony thanked the CAB for its successful outreach efforts.

-Speaker: Aaron Henkin

Aaron described his background at WYPR. He described his process for creating The Signal and identified the radio journalists who have influenced his career. He explained his goals and methods for producing Out of the Blocks, which focuses on capturing the stories of all the residents on single city blocks. Thanks to a new grant, the show will expand to 6 episodes in the coming year. Future possibilities for expansion could include a similar "block" format that would stretch to other parts of Maryland, or possible partnerships with other stations to create "block" shows on a national basis.

-StoryCorps Update

Carrie thanked CAB members for submitting names and bios of candidates to attend the meeting with the StoryCorps site manager in March. CAB members are encouraged to submit more names of community members representing diverse demographic groups and organizations.

-Young Professionals Update

The next YP Happy Hour will be on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 pm at the station. Staff members will be encouraged to attend and mingle, but there will not be any formal speeches due to the space constraints of the first floor.

The WYPR website now includes a sign-up link to the Young Professional group.

-Service Committee Update

Meadow Lark discussed the possibility of doing a Service Project with Catholic Charities. Gary will get clarification from the Friends group about how many volunteers they need for their March service project so that we don't duplicate efforts. A possible spring project is a return to Ambrose Park in honor of Deborah Davis.

-Friends Report

Gary reported that Kelly Gray and Susan Warren are dividing the responsibilities that Deborah used to cover. The Friends and CAB will make further efforts to combine their efforts and keep each other abreast of their respective projects and volunteer needs.

-Community Comments

Max Obuszewski

The meeting adjourned at 7:45

**Next CAB meeting: March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6pm**