KPFA Community Advisory Board minutes held Sunday, August 23, 2015, 11 AM -1 PM at the Grassroots House, 2022 Blake Street in Berkeley.

CAB Members present: Carol Wolfley, Mary Prophet, Rich Stone, Karen Nyhus, Jennifer Fazio, Steve Martinot, Judith Gips (arrived near end of meeting). Karen taking notes, Jennifer facilitating. Mary will facilitate next time; Rich will take notes.

Decided: Notetaker may interrupt stack for clarification.

Decided: put off rotate formally meeting roles (notetaking, facilitation, timekeeping, keeping stack, optional vibes-watcher) and division of administrative labor (on agenda below) for next meeting.

Community Members present

John Mulkin (see below)

Agenda. Resolutions and Notes,

(a) Brief introductions with names and one sentence each (done)
(b) Read Resolution: (done):

We will time shares during meetings for all present of 1 to 2 minutes each with possible CAB member agreements for time extensions upon request. All present will have an opportunity to share on agenda items with CAB facilitation for staying on topic and honoring time agreements and calling on people who have raised their hands. A CAB member will take stack, tracking the order in which people raise their hands and also prioritizing those who have not spoken.

Review additional agreements:

respecting the agenda
respecting decision making agreements
listening to each other with care
addressing each other respectfully.

Community input time 15 minutes for community members to speak with time divided equally and if more than 5 are present adjustments will be made as needed.

No community members were present for community input time at 11 am. A community member, John Mulkins, came at 12:15 pm. The CAB granted him the customary 3 minutes and he made these points:

I listen (to KPFA) daily. I hear a lot about problems, mostly micro-solutions (issue by issue). I’m working on national referendum like in Greece which Bernie is talking about. Would like robust conversation in the US about how to change our political system – Constitutional structure and dynamics, and how it was originally devised to not be so democratic. See Prof. Amar (?) at Yale, Sanford Levinson at UT Austin (America’s 51 Constitutions and the crisis of governance).

Americans need to step up and improve the constitution: national healthcare, national climate change policy – if we could do citizens’ initiative (former AK Senator Mike Gravelle working on –
but his is too complicated) or a referendum. Wants this covered in coming months, especially with Bernie Sanders. Website: thenationalreferendum.org, ten questions on the site. We are in a crisis; need to improve democratic nature of our government. Believe in people and having conversation rather than representative government. He will send the CAB an email about this to cab.kpfa@gmail.com. If it comes in time it will be included in today’s minutes.

→ Note: no such email received by Karen by August 27, 2015 when minutes went out in draft.

The CAB referred him to the LSB meeting on Sept. 12 at 11 am to speak, encouraged him to call in to e.g., the Sunday Show and look up the archives of Le Show which covered constitutional reform a few months ago.

2 CAB Members: update and contact with other Pacifica CAB members nationally, CAB task sharing and Proposal for Pacifica CABs conference call in September and google group


Decided: To bring in new members and confirm their commitment, we will contact new members who have not attended, to explore their commitment, encourage their intended contributions, and explain alternative means (phone-in and Skype) to attend, ask how they plan to attend, and (separately) Carol, Steve and Mary will develop a proposal for meeting attendance policy to be presented at the next meeting.

3. Pacifica Foundation 10 minutes tabled for lack of time.

4. Concerns about FSN on KPFA tabled for lack of time.

5. Station management strategic goals report. tabled for lack of time.

6. KPFA Local Station Board Elections and CAB participation in Meet the Candidate events? Tabled for lack of time.

7. Posting of CAB meetings on the Pacifica and KPFA.org websites

Karen was trained and is posting meeting announcements in both places.

Upcoming monthly CAB meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 20, 2015, 1 to 3 pm at the Grass Roots House. 2022 Blake St., Berkeley, CA.

Agenda items for next meeting, in addition to tabled items from this time: