

STAFF REPORT – AGENDA ITEM #R2 and #R3

For Commission Meeting: March 20, 2017

“One-Year Extension of MetroEast Community Media Grant Agreement”
and
“Recommendation to Portland Council for One-Year Extension of
Open Signal (PCM) Grant Agreement”

Recommendation

Staff recommends that:

- 1) The Commission amend its grant agreement with MetroEast Community Media to extend the agreement term by one year to June 30, 2018.
- 2) The Commission forward to the Portland City Council a recommendation to extend by one-year Open Signal’s grant agreement.

Background

As the Commission is aware, both the MetroEast and Open Signal (formerly Portland Community Media) grant agreements expire at the end of the current fiscal year. The MetroEast agreement is with the MHCRC. The Open Signal agreement is with the City of Portland, however the City delegated oversight responsibility to the MHCRC and the staff project manager.

As the Commission is also aware, the MHCRC has experienced an unprecedented changeover in staff positions within the past six months, resulting in 4 of 6 staff members who work on MHCRC programs being new. This, along with other unanticipated work load demands, has placed tremendous pressure on staff’s time to manage the agreement renewal process. Staff is recommending extending the agreement terms by one year (through June 2018) in order to provide adequate time and resources to conduct an inclusive renewal process with the community media centers’ staff and Board and the MHCRC member jurisdictions’ elected officials and staff.

Staff has discussed the extension with MetroEast and Open Signal executive directors, and with Commissioner Studenmund (MHCRC appointee to Open Signal Board) and Commissioner Thomas (MHCRC appointee to MetroEast Board). All are in agreement about the extension of time to conduct the renewal process.

Attachment: Draft Grant Agreement Amendment: MetroEast Community Media

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