

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Torrance Cable Television Advisory Board convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 13, 2013, at 7:03 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room located in the Stanley E. Remelmeyer Telecommunications Center.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners, De Rago, Frantz, Kellogg, and Vice Chairwoman Brennan

Also Present: Cindy Hibbard, Secretary
Don Fefie, TCtv Coordinator
Michael D. Smith, Cable & Community Relations Manager

Excused: Seferian, Thomas, and Chairman Ozenne

Absent: None

3. FLAG SALUTE:

The salute to the flag of the United States of America was led by Commissioner De Rago.

4. MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA:

MOTION: *Commissioner De Rago moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on posting of the agenda for this meeting. This motion seconded by Commissioner Frantz, carried with an aye vote.*

5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS - NONE

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) December 12, 2012

MOTION: *Commissioner Frantz moved to approve the minutes of December 12, 2012. This motion seconded by Commissioner De Rago, motion carried with an aye vote.*

7. SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

A) Community Matters – NONE

- B) Committee Reports**
 - 1) Producer Incentive - NONE**
 - 2) TCtv Awards - None**
 - 3) CTAB Rules of Order - None**

- C) Report of the Community Television Center**
 - 1) December, 2012**
 - 2) January, 2013**

Staff provided an overview of the facility usage highlighting producer projects and programming submitted.

Brief discussion followed.

MOTION: *Commissioner Frantz moved to accept the Torrance Community Television Center Reports for December 2012 and January 2013. This motion seconded by Commissioner De Rago, motion carried with aye vote.*

D) Report of Legislative and Cable Related Activities

Manager Smith summarized the following:

Time Warner Cable Inc. is wiping away the last vestiges of its old distributed organizational structure in favor of a centralized group that will run the company as three distinct business units: Residential Services, Business Services and Media Services.

Time Warner Cable revenue for the second largest cable operator in the country rose 9.9 % to \$5.5 billion and operating income before depreciation and amortization (OIBDA) was up about 10.1% in the fourth quarter. For the full year, revenue increased 8.7% and OIBDA was up 8.3%. Fueled mainly by its December acquisition of Insight Communications.

Time Warner Cable (NYSE: TWC) will deploy a "souped up DVR" containing six tuners and 1 terabyte of storage space during the second half of 2013, COO Rob Marcus said Thursday.

Authenticated subscribers of Time Warner Cable and DirecTV can now catch all of the Los Angeles Lakers games on their iOS devices, home computers, and Android tablets and phones.

The FCC drew a flood of comments on AT&T's petition that the FCC deregulate traditional circuit-switched phone regs as AT&T and others make the switch to IP-delivered service, including from cable operators who wanted to make sure that whatever the FCC did, it continued to ensure that cable's VoIP phone traffic could have access to AT&T and other incumbent local phone companies.

With the cost of sports programming continuing to climb, Verizon Communications starting next month will begin charging new FiOS TV customers and those on month-to-month plans a \$2.42 monthly fee for regional sports networks.

Brief discussion followed.

MOTION: *Commissioner Frantz moved to accept the Legislative and Cable Related Report for January 2013. This motion seconded by Commissioner De Rago, motion carried with aye vote.*

E) Old Business

- 1) **A recommendation from the Cable & Community Relations Manager that the Cable Television Advisory Board discuss the replacement of carpet and furniture in the Telecommunications Center.**

Overview provided by Manager Smith.

Brief discussion followed.

MOTION: *Commissioner Frantz moved to accept and file this report. This motion seconded by Commissioner De Rago, motion carried with aye vote.*

F) New Business

- 1) **A recommendation from the Cable & Community Relations Manager that the Cable Television Advisory Board discuss merits of cablecasting Board meetings.**

During the Commission meeting on December 12, 2012, under Oral Communications, Commissioner Brennan requested, without objection that an item be placed on the agenda to consider cablecasting of Board meetings.

Overview provided by Manager Smith.

Brief discussion followed.

MOTION: *Commissioner De Rago moved to accept and file this report. This motion seconded by Commissioner Frantz, motion carried with aye vote.*

8. ADDENDUM MATTERS

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

- A) Vice Chairwoman Brennan requested an item be brought back to consider a method to reduce the requirements to become recertified as a producer.
- B) Vice Chairwoman Brennan requested an item be brought back to explain how the Operating Policies and Procedures are being implemented.
- C) Commissioner De Rago inquired about the upcoming Producer Get-Together.
- D) Commissioner Kellogg would like to hear the positive and negative evaluation of the last Stanley Awards ceremony.
- E) Commissioner Frantz shared concerns relayed to him about a Commissioner participating in the Awards competition and its inappropriateness.
- F) Commissioner Frantz inquired about the possibility of modifying the meeting requirements to as needed if no substantive business is scheduled.

- G) Jarel Wheaton (TCtv Producer), Western Museum of Flight, 28058 Acana Road Torrance CA. Mr. Wheaton and his co-producer wife Betty were encouraged to attend the meeting tonight. In preparation they reviewed past meeting minutes. They wanted to thank TCtv for all of the support since they started producing programs for seniors in 2007. He and his wife Betty have received a lot of good feedback from viewers over the years. Mr. Wheaton went on to share that they appreciated being honored so much at the awards ceremony. He said it was bittersweet winning all of the awards; and felt bad they dominated the ceremony. Mr. Wheaton offered ideas on ways to encourage more participation, and even suggesting an additional category for new producer's award. He reluctantly shared his displeasure that one of the Commissioners expressed their unpleasant remarks following the ceremony. He would not identify the Commissioner but felt it was inappropriate and unnecessary. He said he and his wife wanted to remain supportive and positive of TCtv and the City of Torrance. Producing their program has been a wonderful experience and they love sharing their stories with the community.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairwoman Brennan adjourned the meeting of February 13, 2013, at 8:27 p.m. to reconvene on March 13, 2013 Wednesday, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael D. Smith

Cable & Community Relations Manager