

April 12, 2000

**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, April 12, 2000, at 7:15 p.m. in the meeting room at the Torrance Community Television Center.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commissioners: Craft, Kaur, Mikulicich, Tsao and Chair Hausmann

**Also Present:** Michael D. Smith, Cable Television Administrator  
Paul Fornelli, Coordinator  
Mary, Secretary

**3. FLAG SALUTE**

Led by Commissioner Craft

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

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

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Kaur moved to accept the minutes for the March 8, 2000 meeting. This motion, seconded by Commissioner Craft, carried with an aye vote.*

**6. SCHEDULED BUSINESS**

- a) Community Matters – NONE
- b) Committee Reports - NONE

**i) Producer Incentive Committee**

Commissioner Mikulicich reported that there were no Producers in attendance at the meeting. It was reported that members from the local non-profit Civil Air Patrol, along with accompanying adults met with Coordinator Fornelli, who conducted a tour of the facility and explained the possibility of making PSA's, an interview or magazine format show. It was reported that one person in the group is a Torrance resident and attends high school. He expressed interests in making video his career, and may wish to become a TCTV Producer.

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Craft moved to accept the Producer Incentive report. This motion, seconded by Commissioner Tsao, carried with an aye vote.*

- ii) Eighth Annual TCTV Video Awards – NONE**
- iii) Franchise Renewal - NONE**
- iv) Operating Policies and Procedures– NONE**

**c) Report of Community Television Center – March, 2000**

Coordinator Fornelli gave a brief summary of the facility activities for the month of March.

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Tsao moved to accept the Report of Community Television report. This motion, seconded by Commissioner Craft carried with an aye vote.*

**d) Report of Legislative and Cable Related Activities –February, 2000**

Administrator Smith gave a brief summary of the report, mentioning that AT&T has purchased more control over [Excite@Home](#), Inc.

It was reported that AOL would provide broadband connections for streaming CBS SportsLine, CNN, FOXNews.com and several other programmers.

It was also reported that WideOpenWest has received a franchise from the City of Grand Prairie, and will be offering a full-service broadband network.

Administrator Smith reported that DirecTV subscribership is up. And finally, AOL has released a new software version. Discussion followed.

Administrator Smith reported that a meeting was held with RCN (Residential Communications Network), who is an overbuilder of cable operators. They offer telephone local exchange, high-speed Internet service and traditional cable television-type services in a "bundle" form.

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Craft moved to accept the Legislative and Cable Related Activities Report for March, 2000. This motion, seconded by Commissioner Mikulicich, carried with an aye vote.*

**e) Old Business**

**i) Status Report on the Time Warner Rebuild – January, 2000**

Administrator Smith reported that Time Warner is several days behind on their schedule. It is expected the rebuild will be completed by the end of May, 2000.

It was reported that a total of three new complaints were received regarding the rebuild.

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Kaur moved to accept the Status Report on the Time Warner Rebuild. This motion, seconded by Commissioner Tsao, carried with an aye vote.*

**f) New Business**

**Committee appointments:** Future of Access

Chairperson Haussmann appointed Commissioner Craft as the Chair of the Future of Access committee, and Commissioners Kaur and Mikulicich as committee members.

**MOTION:** *This appointment was supported with unanimous aye vote.*

**12. ADDENDUM MATTERS - None**

**13. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

13a. Commissioner Mikulicich wished everybody a Happy Easter.

13b. Commissioner Kaur stated she would attend the States of California and Nevada, Chapter of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (“SCAN/NATOA”) Conference in Santa Monica on April 20, 2000.

13c. Commissioner Kaur reported that on June 3, 2000, The Torrance Historical Society will hold their annual meeting in the Depot Restaurant.

13d. Commissioner Tsao reported that he attended a school Board Meeting, and congratulated Chair Haussmann on her efforts.

13e. Commissioner Tsao passed out flyers announcing the International Trade Exhibition to be held Thursday, May 11, 2000, at the Marriott Hotel in Torrance.

13f. Commissioner Tsao acknowledged the “Infobit” article on Secretary Mary.

13g. Coordinator Fornelli requested that the two members of the Producer Incentive and Eighth Annual TCTV Awards Committee remain after the CTAB meeting, in order to schedule meetings.

- 13h. Coordinator Fornelli announced that the Chinese New Year's celebration production began playback on this date.
- 13i. Coordinator Fornelli reported there were extra photos from prior TCTV Award Ceremonies, and offered them to members of the Board.
- 13j. Coordinator Fornelli reported he had additional information on the Alliance for Community Media Conference that will be held in Tucson in July, 2000.
- 13k. Administrator Smith extended an invitation to the SCAN/NATOA Spring Conference on April 20, 2000.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Haussmann adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m., to reconvene on Wednesday, May 10, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Smith  
Cable Television Administrator

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Roll Call: Craft  Kaur  Mikulicich, Jr.  Tsao  Haussmann