

June 14, 2006

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, June 14, 2006, at 7:03 p.m. in the Torrance Community Television Classroom located in the Stanley E. Remelmeyer Telecommunications Center.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners: Korman, Nishinaga, Perkins, Sunshine (arrived 7:12 p.m.), and Chair Carlson

Also Present: Mark J. Doddy, Community Television Coordinator
Michael D. Smith, Cable & Community Relations Manager

Excused: Rivera, Simmons

Absent: None

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Commissioner Perkins led the salute to the flag.

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

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

5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS - NONE

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) May 10, 2006

MOTION: *Commissioner Korman moved to approve the minutes of May 10, 2006. This motion seconded by Commissioner Nishinaga, motion carried with an aye vote.*

7. SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

A) Community Matters – NONE

B) Committee Reports

1) Producer Incentive Committee - May

NONE

C) Report of the Community Television Center

- 1) May, 2006 - Coordinator Doddy discussed statistics for the month. He highlighted 26 new programs were completed compared to 13 in 2005 and 10 in 2004. He also noted studio usage was down at 33%, field camera check-outs for the DV Field Camcorders were also up at 80%. Post-production was down at 30% this month compared to 52% last year. 3 potential Users attended the monthly New Users Orientation, and 1 was certified. 4 Users enrolled and graduated from Pre Production Planning Workshop. 3 users enrolled and graduated from DV Field & Post-Production Workshop. 8 users graduated from the Studio Production Workshop.

Brief discussion followed.

MOTION: *Commissioner Perkins moved to accept the Torrance Community Television Center Report for May 2006. This motion seconded by Commissioner Nishinaga, motion carried with aye vote.*

D) Report of Legislative and Cable Related Activities – May, 2006

Manager Smith gave a brief summary of the report.

The Senate Commerce Committee is scheduled to vote June 22 on legislation that streamlines cable franchising in an effort to permit cable-market entry by AT&T Inc. and Verizon Communications Inc. in as little as 90 days.

On June 8, the House passed H.R. 5252, the Communications Opportunity, Promotion, and Enhancement Act of 2006 (COPE Act) by a vote of 321-101, with 11 members abstaining from the vote, including California Congresswoman Mary Bono. The COPE Act would replace the local franchising process with a national franchise scheme for broadband and video service providers.

Utility regulators in Connecticut moved to exempt AT&T's video service from franchising rules. The state Department of Public Utility Control voted 3-2 to classify AT&T's video system as a data service, allowing the company to bypass rules that apply to the cable industry. Data services are not regulated in Connecticut.

Comcast Corp. will have "more non-video customers than video subscribers" within the next five years according to chief operating officer Steve Burke. The nation's largest cable-system operator expects to have 25 million Internet and voice accounts, significantly larger than its current base of 21.5 million video subscribers.

Cable operators that offer channels on a per-channel or a la carte basis would be exempt from local franchising and pay less in franchise fees to local governments, according to legislation introduced by Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.).

Brief discussion followed.

MOTION: *Commissioner Perkins moved to accept the Legislative and Cable Related Activities Report for May 2006. This motion seconded by Commissioner Nishinaga, carried with an aye vote.*

E) Old Business - NONE

F) New Business

- 1) A recommendation from the Cable & Community Relations Manager that the Cable Television Advisory Board elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the fiscal year 2006/07.

Brief discussion followed.

MOTION: *Commissioner Perkins nominated Commissioner Sunshine as Chairman, this motion was seconded by Commissioner Korman, motion carried with an aye vote.*

MOTION: *Commissioner Korman nominated Commissioner Nishinaga as Vice Chairman, this motion was seconded by Commissioner Perkins, motion carried with an aye vote.*

G) ADDENDUM MATTERS - NONE

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

- a) Manager Smith mentioned his recent business visitation as a member of the City's Economic Development Team to Hi-Shear Corporation. He mentioned that each time something is launched into space, a piece of Torrance is on-board. Hi-Shear manufactures a variety of components include ones that are used on space craft.
- b) Commissioner Korman reminded everyone of the upcoming Torrance Symphony FUNdraiser concert, "Music of the Movies", June 17th at the Armstrong Theatre. She also passed out a flyer of the concert.
- c) Commissioner Nishinaga mentioned he is on a team from his company with the [Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research \(PEER\) Center](#). The PEER operates programs aimed at cost-effective reduction of earthquake losses.
- d) Commissioner Nishinaga thanked Henry Carlson for his term as Chairman of the Commission.
- e) Commissioner Perkins wished everyone a happy Flag Day, which is today.
- f) Commissioner Sunshine mentioned he was sorry he missed the last meeting, and that he has accepted a position with his former employer.
- g) Chairman Carlson wished everyone a happy Father's Day.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Carlson adjourned the meeting of June 14, 2006 to reconvene on Wednesday, July 12, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Smith
Cable & Community Relations Manager

Roll Call: Korman Nishinaga Perkins Rivera Simmons Sunshine Carlson