

June 13, 2001

**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 13, 2001, at 7:09 p.m. in the Torrance Community Television studio located in the Telecommunications Center.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Commissioners: Cahill, Craft, Hausmann, Kaur, Mikulicich, Jr., Stadler and Chair Tsao

**Also Present:** Michael Smith, Cable Television Administrator  
Jesse Foreman, TCTV Coordinator

**Excused:** NONE

**3. FLAG SALUTE:**

Led by Commissioner Mikulicich, Jr.

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

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

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Craft moved to approve the minutes for the May 9, 2001 meeting. This motion seconded by Commissioner Cahill, carried with an aye vote.*

**6. SCHEDULED BUSINESS:**

a) Community Matters – NONE

b) Committee Reports

(1) Producer Incentive – NONE

(2) Franchise Renewal – NONE

(3) Operating Policies and Procedures – NONE

(4) Open Mic Night – NONE

c) Report of Community Television Center - May, 2001

Coordinator Foreman discussed the statistics for the month of May. He highlighted the two programs completed for the month and facility usage.

Brief discussion followed.

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Craft moved to accept the Torrance Community Television Center Report for May 2001. This motion, seconded by Commissioner Stadler carried with an aye vote.*

d) Report of Legislative and Cable Related Activities – May, 2001

Administrator Smith gave a brief summary of the report. He highlighted the success of the States of California and Nevada Chapter of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Conference on May 24<sup>th</sup> in Santa Monica. He also mentioned the contractual dispute between Fox Sports and Time Warner over carriage of Dodger and Angel baseball games. Fox has begun to run radio ads blaming Time Warner for the “blackout”.

Brief discussion followed.

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Craft moved to accept the Legislative and Cable Related Activities Report for May 2001. This motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaur, carried with an aye vote.*

e) Old Business – NONE

f) New Business

(1) A recommendation from the Cable Television Administrator that the Cable Television Advisory Board elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the fiscal year 2001/2002.

Chairman Tsao opened the floor for nominations.

**MOTION:** *Chairman Tsao nominated Vice Chairman Craft as Chairman for 2001-2002. This nomination carried with an aye vote.*

**MOTION:** *Chairman Tsao nominated Commissioner Kaur as Vice Chairwoman for 2001-2002.*

*Commissioner Kaur declined the nomination due to her pending resignation from the Commission. She indicated she most likely will enter the Naval Academy within a few months.*

**MOTION:** *Chairman Tsao nominated Commissioner Cahill as Vice Chairwoman for 2001-2002. This nomination carried with an aye vote.*

(2) **Recommendation of the Cable Television Administrator that the Chairperson of the Cable Television Advisory Board appoint a Committee to begin planning and preparation for the Tenth Annual Torrance Community Television Video Programming Awards.**

Chairman Tsao appointed Commissioners Cahill and Hausmann as members of the Awards Committee, and himself as Chairman of the Committee.

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Mikulicich, Jr. moved to accept the appointments. This motion, seconded by Commissioner Craft, carried with an aye vote.*

g) **Addendum Matters – None**

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

- a) Mr. Ernie Ramos, Harbor - UCLA Research and Education Institute, 1124 West Carson Street Torrance 90502: Mr. Ramos requested that an exception be made to the TCTV Operating Policies and Procedures to allow his group to use TCTV as Producers. REI is not based in Torrance, but the Harbor Gateway. The Commission suggested before they are willing to consider a rule change, they would encourage Mr. Ramos to exhaust all current options. 1) He could ask an existing Producer to sponsor his project by producing it for him. 2) He could locate a Torrance resident that works for his organization, ask that person to become a TCTV Producer, and then produce the program for them. Mr. Ramos thought they were reasonable recommendations and indicated he would explore both options.
- b) Administrator Smith congratulated Chairman Tsao on his term as Chair of the Commission.
- c) Administrator Smith congratulated Chairman Tsao on becoming President of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce.
- d) Coordinator Foreman also congratulated Chairman Tsao on becoming President of the Chamber.
- e) Commissioner Cahill expressed her appreciation to the City of Torrance for the opportunity to attend the SCAN NATOA Conference. She thought it was very educational.
- f) Commissioner Craft also congratulated Chairman Tsao on becoming President of the Chamber.
- g) Commissioner Craft mentioned his daughter was on an educational trip to Egypt.
- h) Commissioner Craft said next week (week beginning June 18<sup>th</sup>) he would attend a Streaming Media West 2001 Conference at the Long Beach Convention Center.
- i) Commissioner Kaur also congratulated Chairman Tsao on becoming President of the Chamber.

- j) Commissioner Mikulicich Jr. also congratulated Chairman Tsao on becoming President of the Chamber.
- k) Commissioner Mikulicich Jr. also wished everyone a Happy Father's Day, Happy Flag Day, and Happy Fourth of July.
- l) Commissioner Hausmann said she was encouraged to hear about new Producers being added to the roster. She also wished everyone a Happy Father's Day, Happy Flag Day, and Happy Fourth of July.
- m) Commissioner Stadler announced that his son was on his way home from Kosovo.
- n) Commissioner Stadler congratulated Administrator Smith on being named SCAN NATOA Member of the Year.
- o) Commissioner Stadler also congratulated Chairman Tsao on becoming President of the Chamber.
- p) Commissioner Stadler also expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to attend the SCAN NATOA Conference. He thought it was very well organized and provided a good educational opportunity for Commissioners.
- q) Chair Tsao thanked CitiCABLE for all of the coverage they provided to the Chamber this past year.
- r) Chair Tsao also thanked the Board for their support while he served as Chair this year.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Tsao adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m. to reconvene on Wednesday, July 11, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Smith  
Cable Television Administrator

Roll Call: Cahill

Mikulicich, Jr.

Stadler

Hausmann

Tsao

Craft