

June14, 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, June 14, 2000, at 7:11 p.m. in the meeting room at the Torrance Community Television Center.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Cahill, Craft, Kaur, Stadler, Tsao and Chair Hausmann

Also Present: Michael D. Smith, Cable Television Administrator
Mary, Secretary

3. FLAG SALUTE

Led by Commissioner Cahill

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

MOTION: *Commissioner Craft 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 May 10, 2000 meeting as amended. This motion seconded by Commissioner Craft, carried with an aye vote.*

6. SCHEDULED BUSINESS

a) Community Matters – NONE

b) Committee Reports

- i) Commissioner Kaur reported there was no meeting during the month of June, 2000. There will be a meeting in July, 2000, to discuss producing a program with Tina Pederson, on the subject of Social Services.
- ii) Franchise Renewal - NONE
- iii) Operating Policies and Procedures– NONE

c) Report of Community Television Center – March, 2000

Administrator Smith gave a brief summary of the report submitted by Coordinator Fornelli.

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

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

Administrator Smith reported on June 6, 2000, the City Council continued a scheduled public hearing on the request for the transfer the cable television system from Time Warner to AOL/Time Warner. The continuation was based on insufficient information from Time Warner with regard to the transfer. The City requested an additional 60 days in order to evaluate their information, however Time Warner issued a 45 days extension. Administrator Smith stated if the City receives sufficient information prior to the public hearing scheduled for July 18th, he will present it to the Commission. If not, the Commission would be invited to attend the July 18th public hearing at the City Council meeting.

Administrator Smith reported that the FCC and several States have jointly developed a nationwide database of broadband deployment.

It was reported that Time Warner had a public relations disaster with regards to deployment of high speed Internet service in Houston, Texas. Employees were asked to sign up for the competing DSL service, then upon confirmation of service, to cancel in exchange for \$100 or free RoadRunner service.

Administrator Smith reported that the FCC is considering new rules for mergers with respect to all the vertical (where a cable operator owns not only the programming, but also the facilities); and horizontal concentration within the industry.

It was reported that AT&T Broadband is also marketing their services for the local exchange, and that DSL has expanded considerably over the last period.

Administrator Smith reported that the FCC has conditionally granted approval to the Media One/AT&T merger. Discussion followed.

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

e) Old Business

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

Administrator Smith reported that the rebuild is complete with the exception of Civic Center. It was reported that Time Warner has installed a fiber line

from the Office of Cable Communications to Gardena which will improve the signal quality of all CitiCHANNEL's. Discussion followed.

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

f) **New Business**

- i) **A recommendation from the Cable Television Administrator that the Cable Television Advisory Board elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the fiscal year 2000/2001.**

Chair Haussmann nominated Commissioner Tsao as the Chair for FY 2000/2001.

MOTION: *Commissioner Craft moved to close the nomination and to vote for Commissioner Tsao as Commission Chair. This motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaur, carried with an aye vote.*

Chair Haussmann nominated Commissioner Craft for Vice-Chairperson for FY 2000/2001.

MOTION: *Commissioner Tsao moved to close the nomination and to vote for Commissioner Craft as Commission Vice Chair. This motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaur, carried with an aye vote.*

12. **ADDENDUM MATTERS - None**

13. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- 13a. Commissioner Cahill announced she was going to Minnesota for vacation.
13b. Commissioner Craft announced his wife was retiring.
13c. Commissioner Kaur announced she has gotten a new job.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Haussmann adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m., to reconvene on Wednesday, July 12, 2000, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Smith
Cable Television Administrator

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Roll Call: Cahill Craft Kaur Mikulicich, Jr. Stadler Haussmann Tsao