

October 11, 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, October 11, 2000, at 7:16 p.m. in the meeting room at the Torrance Community Television Center.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Cahill, Haussmann, Mikulicich Jr., and Chair Tsao

Also Present: Michael Smith, Administrator
Paul Fornelli, Coordinator

Absent: Commissioner Craft
Commissioner Kaur
Commissioner Stadler (Excused)

3. FLAG SALUTE

Led by Commissioner Haussmann

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 Haussmann, carried with an aye vote.*

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: *Commissioner Mikulicich moved to table the approval of the minutes for the September 13, 2000 meeting pending sufficient copies. This motion seconded by Commissioner Cahill, carried with an aye vote.*

MOTION: *Commissioner Mikulicich moved to consider the approval of the minutes for the September 13, 2000 meeting. This motion seconded by Commissioner Cahill, carried with an aye vote.*

Item 13a. Change June 18, 2000 to July 18, 2000

MOTION: *Commissioner Haussmann moved to accept the minutes as amended. This motion, seconded by Commissioner Mikulicich Jr. carried with an aye vote.*

6. SCHEDULED BUSINESS

a) Community Matters – NONE

b) Committee Reports

i) Producer Incentive

MOTION: *Commissioner Mikulicich moved to table the Producer Incentive Committee Report pending the arrival of Commissioner Kaur. This Motion, seconded by Commissioner Cahill, carried with an aye vote.*

ii) Franchise Renewal – NONE

iii) Operating Policies and Procedures– NONE

iv) Video Awards Program

Commissioner Haussmann reported that the Committee met, and divided the sponsor list from the previous year, and noted all changes. It was suggested that a letter be sent to new local businesses, welcoming them to the City. Also to be included in the letter would be information regarding the Awards Ceremony, and asking for donations. Discussion followed

It was decided that the theme of the 2000 Video Awards Program would be “The Reel Millennium, A Video Odyssey”. Discussion continued.

MOTION: *Commissioner Cahill moved to accept the oral Video Awards Program Committee report. This motion, seconded by Commissioner Mikulicich, carried with an aye vote.*

c) Report of Community Television Center

i) August, 2000

Coordinator Fornelli gave a brief summary of the report.

MOTION: *Commissioner Cahill moved to accept the Report of Community Television report for August, 2000. This motion, seconded by Commissioner Haussmann, carried with an aye vote.*

ii) **September, 2000**

Coordinator Fornelli gave a brief summary of the report.

MOTION: *Commissioner Cahill moved to accept the Report of Community Television report for September, 2000. This motion, seconded by Commissioner Mikulicich, carried with an aye vote.*

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

Administrator Smith gave a brief summary of the report. It was reported that six weeks ago, Time Warner switched the Cal State Dominguez Hills channel programming which aired at 7 p.m. to their local origination Public Access Channel out of Gardena, Hawthorne and Lawndale. It was reported that the students began calling and complaining that their classes were being interrupted by a football game. After a few days of discussion, Time Warner switched it. It was then discovered there was no audio on Cal State Dominguez Hills channels, which caused the students to call and complain they couldn't hear their classes. Initially, Time Warner claimed they didn't do anything to interrupt the channel. It was later determined that the problem was caused by Time Warner, and that the problem was due to faulty soldering at the head end.

Time Warner Communications requested permission from the City to preempt CSPAN 2 to provide a conference conducted by the Mormons. The City denied TWC's request.

Cox Communications deployed its first video-on-demand consumer service to 2,000 Customers in select areas of San Diego. It will be labeled Movies-On-Demand (MOD).

The FCC is opening a broad notice of inquiry (NOI) to explore issues surrounding high-speed Internet service. The FCC is expected to collect comments on the NOI for at least 90 days.

Baby Bells are coming in on the opposite side of AOL/Time Warner merger, along with numerous other entities saying they will have too much market power.

It was reported that many surrounding cities have requested that the FCC look into Time Warner's Open Access requirement. Time Warner/AOL stated that they would not sign a transfer agreement that would require they provide Open Access. The other Cities have requested relief from the FCC to force Time Warner to either support that document or have it rejected from the Federal discussion.

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

e) Old Business - NONE

f) New Business

i) **Cable Television Advisory Board Annual Report 1999-00**

Change IIIC (May 2000 through June 2000) from Nikola Mikulicich, Jr. Chairperson and Eileen Haussmann, Vice Chairperson to *Richard Tsao, Chairperson, and Chet Craft, Vice Chairperson.*

Page 1, Section "D", third line, *add a comma* after "1987".

SECTION IIA STATEMENT OF PURPOSE *make the section consistent.*

Section IVA. Board Action F/Y 1999/00 last item under July - add the word "*amendment*" after the word "Board"

Section IVA for July and August, add "*on*" to the Sentence beginning with "The Board received and filed a status report..."

Section IVA, For June, and July, change "appointed to "*created*". Add "*the*" to Ninth Annual Torrance Community...". For June, add the word "*the*" to "...new members to (the) Ninth..."

MOTION: *Commissioner Cahill moved to accept the Cable Television Advisory Board Annual Report 1999-00. This motion, seconded by Commissioner Haussmann, carried with an aye vote.*

MOTION: *Commissioner Mikulicich made a motion to take from the table, the Report of Producer Incentive Committee, and to postpone that report until the November, 2000 meeting. This motion, seconded by Commissioner Haussmann, carried with an aye vote.*

12. **ADDENDUM MATTERS - NONE**

13. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

13a. Administrator Smith thanked Coordinator Fornelli for his long tenure with the Office of Cable Communication, starting as an Operations Assistant for CitiCABLE, and moving over to become the Coordinator with Torrance Community Television for a number of years. Administrator Smith mentioned that Coordinator Fornelli put together a variety of programming, taking the Awards Program to new heights which included features with Pink, and developing

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very good relationships with community organizations such as El Camino College, Torrance Symphony, and many others. Administrator Smith congratulated Coordinator Fornelli for a fine job, and wished him success in his future career.

- 13b. Administrator Smith announced the upcoming Western Alliance Conference in Sacramento, and extended invitation to the Chairperson of the Board.
- 13c. Coordinator Fornelli announced he would miss everybody, and wished the Board good luck on their overseeing of TCTV.
- 13d. Commissioner Mikulicich thanked Coordinator Fornelli for his assistance in familiarizing him with the operation of the facility and equipment.
- 13e. Commissioner Mikulicich wished everybody a Happy Halloween, All Saint's Day, All Soul's Day.
- 13f. Commissioner Haussmann announced she will not be attending the November, 2000 meeting because she will be out of town. She suggested the November, 2000 meeting be held in honor of Coordinator Fornelli.
- 13g. Commissioner Cahill announced she will be out of town during the November, 2000 meeting, and therefore will not be attending.
- 13h. Chair Tsao thanked Coordinator Fornelli for his dedication, and stated he will be greatly missed. He wished Coordinator Fornelli the best of luck.
- 13i. Chair Tsao mentioned that next week there is going to be a State of the City Address by Mayor Hardison on October 18, 2000, at the Marriott Hotel at noon.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Tsao adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m., to reconvene on Wednesday, November 8, 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