

BIRMINGHAM AREA CABLE BOARD MEETING MINUTES – February 16, 2022

Gugni called the meeting to order at 7:45 AM. in the Village of Beverly Hills Municipal Building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road.

Present: Eick, Abraham, Whittington – Birmingham
Gugni, Kamoo, Henry, Tootell– Beverly Hills
Mydloski - Franklin
Absent: Fenberg, Shand, Cleary
Also Present: Gojcai – Attorney for Cable Board
Rota – Bloomfield Community Television

Gugni welcomed the new Cable Board member, Robert Whittington, representing Birmingham.

APPROVE MINUTES OF CABLE BOARD MEETING HELD December 15, 2021

Motion by Eick, seconded by Kamoo to approve the minutes of the Cable Board meeting on December 15, 2021, as presented.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF COSTS TO CONTINUE STREAMING PEG CHANNELS 24/7

Mydloski stated that following the 12/15/21 Cable Board meeting there had been a PEG meeting which was attended by Eick, White, Gugni, Henry, Rota, Black and herself. At the November BACB meeting she reported that Stream Dynamics would no longer be providing 24/7 streaming service. After much research, Rota and Black found that the Tight Rope Media servers that BCTV uses for 24/7 streaming playback service. However, the correct annual cost would be \$1,799.00.

Motion by Mydloski, seconded by Kamoo to approve the cost of Tight Rope from Advanced Lighting and Sound in the amount of \$1,799.00 to continue the 24/7 streaming of PEG Channels.

Rota clarified that the \$1,799.00 was the yearly amount to be paid in December, 2022. He also gave the instructions as to how the public could access the streaming service.

Roll Call Vote

Kamoo Aye
Abraham Aye
Tootell Aye
Eick Aye
Mydloski Aye
Henry Aye
Whittington Aye
Gugni Aye

Motion Passed. (8-0).

CONSIDERATION OF CHANGING MEETING DATES TO EVERY OTHER MONTH

Gugni stated that the idea of holding Cable Board meetings every other month was the idea of Elaine McLain, former Chair of the Cable Board, before she stepped down from that position. He added that the meetings would be in months which coincide with various annual issues, i.e., Budget and Grants, etc. which need to be discussed in detail. The next meeting would be in March and alternate months thereafter. White agreed with this schedule.

Gojcaj noted that additional meetings could be called when necessary.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING MEETINGS

Moved by: Shane Henry, Seconded by: Dave Eick

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the Birmingham Area Cable Board provide that regular and special meetings shall comply with the requirements PA2 67 of 1976 as amended ("Open Meetings Act").

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the Birmingham Area Cable Board provide that "regular meetings shall be held monthly or at such regular periodic intervals as may be established by the Birmingham Area Cable Board from time to time by formal resolution."

WHEREAS, the Birmingham Area Cable Board determines that monthly meetings are not required and that meetings shall be held every other month commencing in January 2022, March 2022, May 2022, and so on and so forth; as the Birmingham Area Cable Board further determines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BIRMINGHAM AREA CABLE BOARD RESOLVES THAT INSTEAD OF MONTHLY MEETINGS, THE BIRMINGHAM AREA CABLE BOARD DESIRES MEETINGS TO BE HELD EVERY OTHER MONTH, COMMENCING ON JANUARY 2022, OR AS THE BIRMINGHAM AREA CABLE BOARD FURTHER DECIDES.

Roll Call Vote

Abraham	Aye
Tootell	Aye
Eick	Aye
Mydloski	Aye
Henry	Aye
Whittington	Aye
Gugni	Aye
Kamoo	Aye

Motion Passed. (8-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cable Action Committee

Abraham noted there would be a short meeting immediately following this one. It will cover some housekeeping issues. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the first Thursday of the month at 4:30 PM in the Birmingham Baldwin Public Library. Abraham will make the determination if it would be necessary to hold one.

PEG Committee

Mydloski gave a synopsis of her report earlier in the meeting. There would not be a meeting following this one.

Personnel Committee

Gugni stated he had been the Chairman of this Committee when he was Vice Chairman of the Cable Board. Eick, who is now the Vice Chairman of the Board will now be the Chairman of the Personnel Committee.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

White was unable to attend this meeting but has attached a written report in the Board packet. Referring to her report, Gugni noted the one complaint from last month regarding low-hanging wires on the property of a Beverly Hills resident which have been raised. This complaint is now closed.

FINANCIAL

The account balance for the MBS, Michigan United Credit Union and Beverly Hills accounts as of January 31, 2022 was emailed to all Board members, as well as BACB financial reports for the month of January, 2022.

CHECK DISBURSEMENT

One check was written since the last meeting: Michigan United Credit Union (Visa- Phone, Conferences & Offices Supplies) for \$227.41.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

White prepared a new Board Member Roster based on the new members and included it in the packet.

PROVIDER RELATED TOPICS

a. Comcast

There was no representative present and no new information received.

b. AT&T/Uverse/Direct TV

There was no representative present and no new information received.

c. WOW

There was no representative present and no new information received.

BAPA/BAMA REPORT

Rota referred to his memo to BACB, Report February 10, 2022 through February 16, 2022, dated February 10, 2022. In his report he noted the list of all **BAMA** regularly scheduled municipal meetings and added that there were several which had been cancelled due to COVID. The list also included some Franklin meetings (Zoning, Council and Planning) which moved from Council Chambers to the Franklin Church and needed equipment changes.

For the **BAPA** Programs, 27 programs by producers and organizations from December 17, 2021 through February 16, 2022 were taped. All of which he listed, including sports, Birmingham Concert Band and Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber Economic Forecast Lecture.

PRODUCER AND VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP

Rota reminded everyone that anyone interested in producing or volunteering behind the scenes should call the office to schedule a one-on-one appointment, 248-433-7790.

Regarding the purchase of equipment for “on location programming (ENG)” which the Board approved a couple of months ago, a few items are on back order. The WOW encoders approved by the Board and ordered through Advanced Lighting and Sound are also on back order.

His last comments were regarding the annual streaming subscription which had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

On behalf of Franklin, Mydloski thanked Rota for moving the meetings from the Village Hall to the Church. It took a lot of effort on his part.

For the future, Rota reminded everyone to be within 6 inches of the microphones when speaking. They are very sensitive and sometimes if you lean back, they might pick up rustling noises coming from around you.

OLD BUSINESS

Gugni commented that the 2021 Annual Report was in the January packet for the meeting that never took place. It was a good synopsis of those things the BACB accomplished. White spent a significant amount of time putting it together. She did a wonderful job.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

BOARD COMMENTS

Gojcai noted the Michigan Attorney General’s recent opinion on the Open Meetings Act. He summarized the Act for the benefit of the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 AM.

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