

BIRMINGHAM AREA CABLE BOARD MEETING MINUTES – November 17, 2021

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

Present: McLain, Fenberg, Eick, Abraham – Birmingham
Gugni, Kamoo, Tootell, Henry – Beverly Hills
Absent: Mydloski, Shand, Cleary
Also Present: Gojcaj – Attorney for Cable Board
Rota and Black – Bloomfield Community Television

McLain requested that the order of two (2) items on the agenda be switched: 4. Reimbursement Request – Village of Beverly Hills and 5. Board Elections.

Motion by Eick, seconded by Gugni to approve the proposed switch in the agenda order of item 4 (Reimbursement Request) and item 5 (Board Elections).

Motion passed.

APPROVE MINUTES OF CABLE BOARD MEETING HELD October 20, 2021

Motion by Eick, seconded by Henry and Kamoo to approve the minutes of the Cable Board meeting on October 20, 2021, as presented.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

BOARD ELECTIONS

McLain explained the necessity of her stepping down from her position as Chairman of the Cable Board due to her election to the Birmingham City Commission. However, she stated her intention was to stay involved with the Cable Board when appropriate. Because of this it was necessary to nominate someone as her replacement. She opened nominations for Chairman of the Cable Board.

Motion by Eick, seconded by Abraham and Kamoo to nominate Gil Gugni for Chairman of the Birmingham Area Cable Board.

Gugni accepted the nomination.

Roll Call Vote

Fenberg	Aye
Gugni	Aye
Kamoo	Aye
Abraham	Aye
Tootell	Aye
McLain	Aye
Eick	Aye
Henry	Aye

Motion Passed. (8-0).

McLain handed Gugni the Chairman’s gavel as Gugni expressed the Cable Board’s gratitude and thanks to her for 15 ½ years of service, 15 of which she was Chairman. As Henry had expressed at last month’s meeting, the Board has learned so much from her and her leadership. No one can replace her.

Motion by Fenberg, seconded by Kamoo to nominate David Eick as Vice Chairman of the Birmingham Area Cable Board.

Roll Call Vote

Gugni	Aye
Kamoo	Aye
Abraham	Aye
Tootell	Aye
McLain	Aye
Eick	Aye
Henry	Aye
Fenberg	Aye

Motion Passed. (8-0).

Motion by Gugni, seconded by Fenberg to nominate Ray Kamoo as Secretary of the Birmingham Area Cable Board.

Roll Call Vote

Kamoo	Aye
Abraham	Aye
Tootell	Aye
McLain	Aye
Eick	Aye
Henry	Aye
Fenberg	Aye
Gugni	Aye

Motion Passed. (8-0).

Gugni confirmed that Michael Fenberg would remain as Treasurer of the Birmingham Area Cable Board until his position is re-considered in July 2022.

REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

Gugni referred to a Nov. 8, 2021 memo from Cathy White and an October 29, 2021 invoice from Plante Moran to the Village of Beverly Hills for additional audit fees due (\$ 2,225.00) for the bookkeeping duties which the Village did for the Cable Board. These documents were included in the Cable Board Packet.

Motion by Fenberg, seconded by Kamoo to reimburse the Village of Beverly Hills for additional audit fees of \$2,225.00 due to fiduciary and auditing activities related to the Birmingham Area Cable Board.

Roll Call Vote

Abraham	Aye
Tootell	Aye
McLain	Aye
Eick	Aye
Henry	Aye
Fenberg	Aye
Gugni	Aye
Kamoo	Aye

Motion Passed. (8-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cable Action Committee

Abraham reported there had not been a November meeting as there was nothing to discuss. The next meeting will be Thursday December 2, 2021 at 4:30 PM in the Birmingham Baldwin Public Library. Abraham reminded Board members to let him know if there were any items or information which needed to be included on the website.

PEG Committee

Mydloski was unable to attend this morning's meeting; however, she sent Gugni her report. Those attending the meeting following the October 20 BACB meeting were Tootell, McLain, White, Eick, Cleary, Rota, Black, Henry, Gugni, and Mydloski. Items discussed was the BCTV request of \$2,500 for coverage of winter sporting events of Birmingham schools which is consistent with past annual requests and the termination of Stream Dynamics which provided 24-hour streaming services. This service would need to be replaced and Rota would be researching 24-hour coverage vs. 12-hour coverage.

Gugni stated there would be a PEG committee meeting immediately following this BACB meeting.

Rota addressed the committee's discussion about winter sports. At the moment there would be 6 sporting events: boys' and girls' basketball, boys' hockey, boys' swim and dive, boys' unified hockey and wrestling. The possibility of covering bowling is being discussed. Coverage of eight

(8) events would be optimal depending on what the staffing allows. The cost would remain \$2,500 per event and, as usual, the Board would not be charged until the event was covered. The total for eight (8) events would be \$20,000.

Rota also covered the subject of the 24hr/7 web streaming access to BCTV. Gugni remarked that this subject would be on next month's agenda for a full discussion. After researching the subject, Rota and Black found that the Tightrope servers that BCTV use allows 24/7 streaming playback service; therefore, BCTV would not need Stream Dynamics. As of now there was no added cost for Tightrope.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

White was unable to be at this morning's meeting; however, her report was included in the Board packet. In her absence, Gugni reported there were two (2) complaints since her last month's report. One was from a Birmingham resident who stated that Comcast was supposed to return to bury exposed cable wires which were replacements for ones that had been accidentally cut by landscapers. After a long period of time Comcast did not return and the escalation team became involved. The lines were re-run and the wires were buried. This complaint is closed. The second (2nd) complaint was from a Franklin resident who had low-hanging Comcast wires in her backyard. Comcast raised the wires. This complaint is closed.

FINANCIAL

White stated in her report that the fund balances for MBS, Michigan United Credit Union and Beverly Hills accounts as of October 31, 2021 will be emailed to all the Board members, as well as the BACB financial reports for the months of October and November, 2021.

CHECK DISBURSEMENT

White wrote one (1) small check since the last meeting. It was to Michigan United Credit Union (Visa) for office supplies and phone.

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 dated November 11, 2021. In his report he noted there was a list of all completed **BAMA** regularly scheduled municipal meetings.

For the **BAPA** Programs, 17 programs by producers and organizations were taped; some studio shows were on Zoom and some were in-person in the studio. The Birmingham Musicale is back

in person and was covered last Thursday and the DAR Annual Veterans Day Ceremony in Shain Park was covered.

PRODUCER AND VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP

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

Last month the BACB approved an equipment purchase. BCTV is waiting for delivery. There are some backorders; however, when all the equipment has arrived White will receive an invoice.

McLain questioned the status of the volunteer base (number of volunteers, staffing) as BCTV is transitioning from the COVID restrictions. Rota stated there were still a few available volunteers; however, until there are more in-person programs (as opposed to being via Zoom), there was no need for more. However, the volunteer list will need to be built up when the in-person shows increase.

Rota congratulated Gugni on becoming Chairman of the Cable Board and expressed his pleasure to have worked with McLain for the last 15 ½ years. She will be missed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Gugni updated the Board on finalizing the agreement with BCTV. The newest contract has been submitted and reviewed by Gojcai, McLain, White and himself. It will be sent to the Board before the next BACB meeting. He encouraged the board members to read all the informative documents that are included. The agreement will probably be on next meeting's agenda. Responding to Abraham, Gugni stated that it was basically the same agreement as the one currently in place. Gojcai supported Gugni's assessment.

Fenberg added a short history of the renewal of the current BCTV contract which had been sent to other providers requesting proposals. The board recommended continuing with BCTV; however, due to events on the national level in 2019, the signing of the contract was postponed until further definition as to what was happening. The original contract stayed in place and was honored.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

BOARD COMMENTS

Being involved with the Interlocal Agreement, McLain volunteered to participate in the Cable Action Committee (CAC) and proposed that since there is a provision for an alternate from Birmingham she was interested in that role with the Cable Board. She also volunteered to continue as "The Cable Lady" on the BACB website. Abraham verified with McLain that there was nothing in her new role as a Birmingham City Commissioner which would preclude her

from being active with the Cable Board. McLain mentioned that to her knowledge there was nothing in the Interlocal Agreement or with the City which prohibits her involvement. However, she will ask that question at the next Birmingham meeting so there is no conflict of interest.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 AM.