



**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION held Wednesday, October 16, 2002, for the purpose of meeting with the Board of Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE).**

Mayor Davis started the meeting at 8:10 p.m. It was held in the GATE studio in the Community Center.

PRESENT WERE: Council members Rodney M. Roberts, Edward V. J. Putens, Thomas X. White, and Mayor Judith F. Davis.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager; and Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: GATE Board members Bob Zugby, Konrad Herling, and Doug Love; Malia Murray, Administrator of GATE; Barbara Simon, Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts; and Judy Bell, Greenbelt News Review.

Mr. Zugby gave an overview of the status of GATE, saying they have added some programs and have not lost any. Their membership is growing rapidly, and they anticipate additional interest from Springhill Lake as they become exposed to City cable. GATE has definite space problems, since they often have many activities competing for the same space.

Malia Murray discussed some new equipment they would like to purchase this year, since they have been relying on borrowing the City's equipment from Beverly Palau. Not only is there an inconvenience factor to the borrowing, but it also shortens the life span of the City's equipment. They have also started doing a newsletter. Mayor Davis asked that at least one copy be sent to Council. Ms. Murray also mentioned their interest in acquiring a projector that would allow for showing of standard videotapes in the theater. Such a camera would cost about \$15,000. This would allow for the showing of GATE and GATE/GAVA productions, as well as doing a local "newsreel" type feature for the theater.

The Mayor suggested making contact with Brian Butler's group at Springhill Lake, as well as trying to do regular shows with Doug Peters, Tawanna Gaines, and Justin Ross after the election.

GATE's budget, the status of the i-net, and GATE's possible use of the second City cable station were discussed.

Council's previous request to expand the programming hours on B-71 was mentioned. Mr. McLaughlin said programming hours were expanded from 6-10 p.m. to 2-10 p.m. by virtue of repeating programming.

A videotape montage of productions from the last year was shown.

This part of the meeting was completed at 9:35 p.m. Council thanked GATE for their hospitality and completed the meeting in the Senior Classroom of the Community Center.

#### Other Business

Mayor Davis said the Westway Parents for Greenbelt Elementary School are still trying to get a bus for their children. The County re-measured the distance and came out even shorter than last time, judging it to be 1.2 miles. The Mayor measured it herself as 1.6. She has been unable to reach José Morales. Mr. Putens said Mr. Morales is away, but he will try to reach him by cell phone.

Mr. McLaughlin said after considerable discussion with staff and others, he would like to cancel the Lake Clean-Up activity planned for October 19 and SchromFest, which was rescheduled to October 26. He suggested putting the money from SchromFest into an enhanced indoor Halloween program, which would include some of the SchromFest entertainment. Mr. Roberts objected to the tendency to cancel everything that was going on. Mr. Putens and Mayor Davis were unwilling to have SchromFest simply canceled without the possibility of doing it or a substitute event in the spring, since the Halloween event would be held in Center City, not Greenbelt East. They were also concerned about the tree tour and the path dedication. Mr. Roberts agreed that he was willing to postpone but not cancel SchromFest and said spending additional funds on Halloween did not need to preclude doing something in Greenbelt East in the spring. There was some discussion of the pros and cons of clustering weekend activities versus spreading them out.

Mr. Putens distributed a final version of the new evaluation tool for the City Manager.

The meeting ended at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Gallagher  
City Clerk