

Special Meeting of May 19, 2004 at City Hall, Third Floor at 4:45 p.m.

Prior to a Presentation before the Administration & Information Committee of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen set for 5:15 p.m.

Eighth and Final Meeting of the Public Access Board Nominees

First Official Meeting of the MCAM Board of Directors

Present: Joseph Lahr, Grace Sullivan, Carol Williams, James Stewart, Jean Jeudy, Chris Proulx, Hubie McDonough, Lorraine Lamontagne, June Craig, John St. Hilaire and newly elected Board Member, Arthur Gatzoulis

Members Sending Regrets: Lou D'Allesandro, Jim Merrill

Board Nominees who originally signed the Draft By-Laws were asked to sign the official and final document. On a Motion by James Stewart, second by Carol Williams the By-Laws were officially accepted. All in favor, none opposed.

Officers of MCAM are as voted on May 13th meeting:

Chairman John St. Hilaire was nominated by Carol Williams
Vice Chair James Stewart was nominated by Hubie McDonough
Secretary June Craig was nominated by James Stewart
Treasurer Chris Proulx was nominated by Lorraine Lamontagne
All in favor, no opposed. So moved

At some point soon Directors will be named for Marketing, Communication, Development, etc.

Now that the MCAM was an official non-profit corporation, and our officers were in place, James Stewart made a motion to officially vote Arthur Gatzoulis in as a Board of Director, seconded by Lorraine Lamontagne. All in favor, none opposed, so moved.

Joe Lahr and John St. Hilaire went over our planned presentation.

PRESENTATION

John St. Hilaire, James Stewart, June Craig and Carol Williams approached the front table. John spoke first, June second, then questions started from the Aldermen and no other speakers made their full presentations. Carol and Hubie were in line to speak.

After a full question and answer period Alderman Gatsas suggested that he make a motion worded that would allow us to proceed to the next phase. **The Aldermen agreed to recommend to the full Board of Mayor and Aldermen #2 of the Requested Action**

Steps that the MCAM Board would be formally designated as the Public Access Provider for Manchester until 2015 (the length of the cable franchise agreement).

The Aldermanic Committee was concerned whether we had all our ducks in a row. **They suggested that members of the MCAM meet with heads of different departments in order to speed up the process of final details to allow MCAM make a move and be up and running by July 1, 2004.** They were especially concerned about Joe Lehr and Sarah L'Italian, the two employees of the School Department who we propose to contract with the School Department.

Gatsas recommended that the money in the requested budget that contained the salaries for Joe and Sarah be transferred to the Human Resources Department. They said the School Department did not have the authority to contract out their employees. Paul Porter was concerned about the employees and their retirement benefits. If MCAM contract employees from the City the city does not get rid of all liability issues. Mike Lopez was concerned about the monies, how could we possibly be ready for July 1st, 2004? He thought we should shoot for less money and plan to be established in September. The issue of monies divided between the PEG providers.

Grace Sullivan wanted to be sure the money figures were going to protect her remaining four employees at the Manchester School of Technology who will continue to operate Education and Government and the two moving over to MCAM.

A meeting will be arranged for Monday at 4:00 p.m. for MCAM representatives and City Department representatives Bill Sanders, Tom Arnold, Kevin Clougherty, Mike Colby among other possible attendees. The purpose of the meeting will be to resolve some issues before the Finance Committee meeting on the 25th

MCAM will be on the agenda for the Finance Committee on Tuesday, May 25, 6:30 p.m. in the aldermanic chambers on the 3rd floor.

After the Aldermanic Committee meeting adjourned, MCAM board members met again in the small meeting room and discussed some strategy for next week, May 24 & 25th.

Respectfully submitted,

June Craig, Secretary
MCAM Board of Directors

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