

General Meeting of November 19, 2004 at Bickford's on So. Willow Street, 8:00 a.m.

This meeting was called to review John St. Hilaire's revised version of the original version of the Agreement between MCAM and the City of Manchester. prepared by Tom Arnold of the City Solicitor's Office.

Present: Joseph Lahr, June Craig, John St. Hilaire, Arthur Gatzoulis, Hubie McDonough and Grace Sullivan. James Stewart was not present due to a funeral; Jean Jeudy had been contacted by Joe since he does not have e-mail. Lorraine Lamontagne, Chris Proulx and Lou D'Allessandro were unable to attend. Since the last meeting Carol Williams has resigned from the Board. Due to her health she has moved to California to be near her family.

June advised Joe that on his most recent e-mails to board members James Stewart was not listed. Joe said he will correct his mailing list ASAP.

REVIEW OF REVISED AGREEMENT

John St. Hilaire went over the revised Agreement. The yellow highlight on a paragraph caption indicated changes throughout the section. If an entire paragraph is highlighted it indicates only that paragraph was changed in its section. John will send via e-mail this version to all Board members. Joe will hand deliver a copy of the John REVISED AGREEMENT version to Jean Jeudy.

Under Section 11, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR, Arthur Gatzoulis will create added verbiage to further define the issues to protect current MCTV/School Department employees who will be moving to MCAM; especially their right to return to the employ of the City should the need come up.

STATUS OF BUSINESS PLAN

John St. Hilaire advised that he has most of the business plan completed. He will soon be transferring the present version to Joe Lahr to firm it up. Then John's father, who is a CPA, will review the John/Joe version.

We are looking at several dates to put on our calendars.

1. Dec. 10, 2004, 7:00 p.m. before the Coordinating Committee, School Board, Bridge Street, third floor.
2. Dec. 21, 2004, between 4 – 7 p.m. at MCTV "Holiday Open House" Among invitees will be Aldermen, School Committee, City Department Heads, Business and Community leaders, i.e. Joe McQuade, Hippo Press, etc.

3. Between Dec. 10 and Dec. 21st meetings to be scheduled to include two aldermen, one member of the School Board and several members of the MCAM Board.
This converts to 7 or 8 separate meetings.

Suggested pairing:

1st meeting: Alderman Armand Forest,
School Board -Leslie Stewart,
MCAM Members: Joe Lahr, John St. Hilaire, _____

2nd meeting: Aldermen Paul Porter, Mike Lopez
School Board: _____
MCAM Members: June Craig, Lou D'Allesandro, _____.

3rd meeting: Aldermen Ed Osborne, Betsy DeVries
School Board: _____
MCAM Members: June Craig, _____, _____.

4th meeting: Aldermen Ted Gatsas, Mary Sysyn
School Board: _____
MCAM Members: Lou D'Allessandro, _____,
_____.

5th meeting: Aldermen Frank Guinta, William Shea
School Board: _____
MCAM Members: June Craig, _____, _____.

6th meeting: Aldermen: Mark Roy, Michael Garrity
School Board:
MCAM Members: _____, _____, _____

7th meeting: Aldermen: George Smith, Henry Thibault
School Board:
MCAM Members: _____, _____, _____

8th meeting: Aldermen: Dan O'Neil,
School Board: _____
MCAM Members: _____, _____, _____

We ask MCAM members to identify which Aldermen they think they know well and feel they would like to represent MCAM at these sort of “one-on-one” meetings. The pairings can be adjusted any way; this is only a list of what we need to schedule. Obviously we can fit Dan O’Neil in somewhere so we only have a total of seven meetings.

Once we get a suggested schedule we will call all to make the appointments. Hubie advised he would need the meetings in the a.m. to suit his schedule.

Joe will have a presentation packet for each alderman for their use as MCAM members review it with them.

Continued ...Dates on our calendars:

4. Budgets have to be submitted in January. (exact date?)

PARSON BRINKLHOFF STUDY

Grace Sullivan advised that she had a meeting with Mike Colby of the Mayor's Office who told of an option being explored. They would create a Public Access Commission, instead of a Board of Directors. The City may, as part of the Parson Brinklehoff Study, when they float another bond, add a building to MCTV for Public Access space, which would possibly be ready in 2007.

MISCELLANEOUS

Grace advised that she is scheduled for surgery on Tuesday, Nov. 23rd. She does not know how long she will be out of work.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

June asked if we could consider replacing members to our Board who have resigned. She suggested Linda Garrish, former producer with MCTV who would be very interested to join. Joe and Grace remember her and felt she would be a good addition. Linda had advised that the commute from Milford, where she now lives would no problem to her.

A second name was mentioned, J.K. but after discussion members felt he was not right for our Board.

A third name was brought up, Al Heindrick, a 70+ year old gentlemen who loves Public Access TV and who is presently being fully utilized by Bedford Public Access since there was not enough Manchester time available to him. Joe and Grace were enthusiastic about bringing him on the Board. There is a possibility that he is too busy and may not be available. John will call him to inquire if he is interested and if he has time.

Please advise June or Joe of your feelings about adding Linda and Al to fill our Board vacancies.

PRODUCERS' FEE

Joe says we can bill the current producers the traditional \$40 fee, which has not been collected in quite a while. We would then be able to reimburse MCTV for the \$500 it advanced to MCAM to file the Non Profit Papers with the State (?).

NON PROFIT STATUS SUBMISSION

John has the 501C3 almost ready to submit. Joe has the \$500 check. They will send this out within the next week.

SPONSORSHIP FEE IDEA

John and Joe related discussions they had with Sean Sullivan who was employed with a radio station, is associated with the Monarchs team an announcer for the games. He is interested in starting a public access low power FM radio station. The FCC is not creating new stations at the moment. There was an option where any radio sponsorship would also be advertised on MCAM for a \$5 out of \$25. However, since the meeting with Joe and John he has not responded to e-mails. Word is he is looking to connect with the Boy's Club somehow. There is a lot of competition with 976 Magazine out of Lowell, MA and Hippo

Respectfully submitted,

June E. Craig, Secretary
MCAM Board of Directors