



General Meeting of May 7, 2004

Sixth Meeting of the Public Access Board Nominees

Present: **Attended Board Members:** Carol Williams, Lorraine Lamontagne, Jean Jeudy, June Craig, Chris Proulx, Hubie McDonough
Members Sending Regrets: Jim Stewart, Lou D'Allesandro, Jim Merrill, John St. Hilaire

Attended Staff: Grace Sullivan and Joe Lahr

Discussion:

Joe discussed the April 26 Property Committee Meeting and the details of the Letter of Intent and the arrangement with Paul Smith of 967 Elm St. The board needs to elect officers and sign the Letter before the May 19 presentation before the Aldermanic Committee on Administration

The purpose of the May 19 Aldermanic presentation is to define and present our case for consideration: the steps we've taken, where we are, where we want to go, and an overall impression that we are ready.

The question was asked if we would be presenting a Power-point presentation.

Joe will be revising our documents to present a Fact Sheet and an Action Sheet to the Aldermen, as well as creating a 3-minute video to augment our Fact Sheet and show the 967 Elm Street property.

Grace will be contacting Tom Arnold about the City/MCAM agreement and inviting School Board Members to the May 19 meeting. Any MCAM Board member is encouraged to invite Alderman to this meeting that are not on the Administration Committee.

Preliminary thoughts on the May 19 Presentation:

- John St. Hilaire will make the Introduction of the MCAM Board and begin the presentation, followed by the video
- Anecdotal statements by Jean Jeudy, Hubie McDonough, June Craig, and Carol Williams.
- Lou D'Allesandro will speak on the leasing arrangement.
- ALL members are encouraged to attend to show unanimity and reinforce our basic request for (a) a committed contract from the city to make MCAM the public access provider & release the \$350,000 allocated for equipment, (b) commitment to funding--either 1.7% of the franchise revenues or \$190,000 level funding with inflation adjustments, and (c) the FY'2005 budget request of \$190,000 be granted (need an extra \$70,000 added to the Non-Department/Non-City Services line item of the Mayor's budget).
- Closing statement will show clarity and resolve in what we want and the responsibility this Board is asking to have, as well as a future of greater volunteerism, community connection, more cultural identities, greater access and opportunity for new voices, creating stronger citizenship.

MCAM needs a banking account or vessel to hold funds.

Jim Merrill relayed a message that he will have the bylaws ready for our next meeting, which could be at the end of next week, and is waiting for confirmation from the Secy. of State that our Articles are formally filed.

June Craig contacted Attorney Arthur (Artie) Gatzoulis about serving on the Manchester Community Access Media Board of Directors. He is very willing to join us and sounded very enthusiastic. She believed he would be a valuable addition to our Board. His office telephone number is 623-1000, Craig and Gatzoulis Law Firm.

Presumably, the next step in getting him officially on the Board would be a motion and a vote from the members.