



WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Wednesday, February 18, 2009, for the purpose of meeting with the GATE (Greenbelt Access Television) board.

Mayor Pro Tem Roberts called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. It was held in the GATE studio in the Greenbelt Community Center.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Leta M. Mach, Edward V. J. Putens, and Mayor Pro Tem Rodney M. Roberts. Mayor Judith F. Davis was out of town and Councilmember Konrad E. Herling was unable to attend due to illness.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Beverly Palau, Public Information and Communications Coordinator; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Robert Zugby, GATE President; Doug Love, GATE Vice President; Tom White, GATE Treasurer/Secretary; and Malia Murray, GATE Executive Director.

Mayor Pro Tem Roberts welcomed everyone to the annual stakeholder meeting.

Mr. White reviewed the income and expenses this fiscal year to date for GATE. He thanked Council for their annual payment.

Ms. Murray presented a report detailing GATE's activities over the past year. She reported work was progressing on the set up of their designated channels on Comcast and Verizon, the animation program with Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA) had expanded to include Pathways School in Wheaton, studio hours had been increased and eleven new members had joined. She also commented on the work being done with Luisa Robles and Lesley Riddle from the Public Works Department on development of environmental public service announcements as a tool for learning video production.

Mr. Zugby reported the Utopia Film Festival continues to be more successful each year and said the event has been showing a profit. He also commented on the great working relationship they have with the City and thanked Ms. Palau for her assistance.

There was discussion regarding GATE's continued need for additional space. Ms. Murray stated they would consider using an off-site location for storage and filming if space became available in another location. They would continue to use the current space for film production and playback.

The meeting ended at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Murray
City Clerk