



***WORK SESSION of the Greenbelt City Council held Wednesday, November 28, 2007,  
for the purpose of meeting with the GATE ( Greenbelt Access Television) board.***

*Mayor Davis started the meeting at 8:00 p.m. It was held in the GATE studio in the Greenbelt Community Center.*

*PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Judith F. Davis.*

*ALSO PRESENT WERE: Robert Zugby, GATE President; Tom White, GATE Treasurer; Doug Love, GATE Vice President, Susan Gervasi, and Alan Haley, GATE Board Members; Malia Murray, GATE Executive Director; George Kochel; and Michael McLaughlin, City Manager.*

*Mayor Davis began with introductions and stated this was an annual stakeholder meeting.*

*Mr. Zugby gave a report on GATE's activities over the past year. He noted the recent third annual Utopia Film Festival was a success. They received more films than they could show. They believe the event will show a profit. Membership and productions have held steady and the relationship with the City works well. GATE is looking forward to getting its hookup and channel on the new Verizon cable system. They are very proud of the new initiative, Greenbelt in Focus. GATE's main need continues to be space.*

*Ms. Gervasi spoke in more detail about the film festival. She noted the support from Beltway Plaza and that more than 40 films were screened. She noted the 2008 festival is scheduled for the last weekend in October. It was noted this timing generally conflicts with the American Legion's program to honor public safety personnel. It was suggested that the Legion be contacted about the conflict. Mr. White presented a budget for the current fiscal year with comparative information from previous years. He thought that GATE's finances were in good shape. Mr. Herling, who is Council liaison to GATE and involved in Greenbelt in Focus, note that this initiative is being well received. They are working to find financial support. It is estimated \$18,000 is needed to produce the programming desired.*

*They gave a presentation of the Greenbelt in Focus programs produced so far.*

*The meeting ended at 9:15 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Michael McLaughlin*

*City Manager*