



**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION held Wednesday, September 10, 2003, for the purpose of meeting with the board of Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE)**

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM in the GATE Studio of the Community Center.

PRESENT were Mayor Judith Davis, Mayor pro tem Rodney Roberts and Council members Edward Putens and Thomas White.

STAFF PRESENT were Beverly Palau, Public Information Coordinator, and Michael McLaughlin, City Manager.

ALSO PRESENT were Robert Zugby, Konrad Herling, Doug Love, Alan Haley, Eileen Murray, George Kochell, Barbara Simon, and Malia Murray, members of GATE.

Mr. Zugby thanked everyone for attending. He noted that GATE had a limited agenda to cover. Malia Murray reviewed the budget noting that while the City contribution is shown as a negative, they are fine with the timing of the payment. She also raised an issue of taxation by the City. Mr. McLaughlin noted the taxes are on GATE's assets and are assessed by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT). He suggested GATE contact SDAT for clarification.

Malia Murray updated the group on the activities of GATE including the use of Roosevelt interns and GATE's desire to hold a film festival. They would like to rent the theater, but have run into problems with getting a commitment in advance so it can be publicized. The operator has only been able to offer a short advance notice arrangement. It was suggested that GATE and the City meet with the theater operator to discuss this further. It was noted the City's agreement with the operator calls for one film festival. A suggestion was made to combine GATE's festival with the City's so that each works with the other.

Malia Murray and Ms. Palau noted that there is a good deal of sharing and support between GATE and City programming and operations. GATE did six productions at Greenbelt Arts Center. While membership has held steady, the membership is more active in developing programming. Mr. Kochell provided information and a sampling of the animation work done with GATE. He noted that the animation program has experienced increasing success and described the events/ festivals in which they have been entered.

It was noted that Mr. White has been the only Council liaison to GATE since its founding. Mr. Zugby and Mr. Herling commented that it would be quite different not having him as liaison after he retires from Council and thanked him for his service.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael McLaughlin City Manager