

MARIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENCY

Notes: MTA Study Session – February 6, 1999 – San Rafael Community Center TCI Franchise Renewal

Present: Barnes, Hillmer, Kress, Matthews (Alt. for Bach), Miller, Overberger, Stratigos

Also Present: Supervisor Murray (District 5), Councilmember Waldeck (Alt. Mill Valley)

Staff: Gould, Sennett

Consultant: Carl Pilnick, Telecommunications Management Corp.

Chairperson Hillmer convened the meeting at 9:45 AM.

Executive Officer Gould introduced Carl Pilnick, Telecommunications Consultant, who outlined renewal process.

The Directors considered the results of the Telephone Survey and the Stakeholders/Community meetings.

The Directors identified and discussed the 8 primary topics to be addressed in the upcoming negotiations. The following issues were identified to be the major priorities for the forthcoming TCI franchise renewal negotiations:

- Network Improvements (MIDAS, MariNet)
- Business Services
- Most Favored Nation
- Public Access Producers/Users
- Line Extensions
- Customer Service Standards
- Senior Discount (Life Line Rate)
- Interconnections to Novato, West Marin services

Negotiating team, consisting of Gould, Sennett and consultant were directed to proceed with negotiations with TCI as soon as possible. Gould will contact Susie Evans at TCI.

Hillmer and Barnes were appointed by consensus to an Oversight Committee to liaison between negotiating team and the Directors.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

