I. Call to Order & Roll Call:

Telecommunications Commission Chair Albert Alcorn called the meeting to order.

*Members Present:* A. Alcorn, I. Munir, R. Shaw, W. Lam, D. Gupta, N. Gupta, H. Tran, S. Bansal, S. Ahuja, K. Bohan

*I.S. Staff:* B. Marion, E. Pasion

*Members Absent:*

*City Council:* A. Gomez

II. Pledge of Allegiance:

The members of the Commission recited the Pledge of the Allegiance.

III. Announcements:

Staff reported that several members of the commission will need to take Open Government training. Copies of the video training will be made available to the commissioners once staff obtains copies from the city clerk’s office.

IV. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda as submitted.

M/S S. Bansal / R. Shaw Ayes: 10

V. Approval of the Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes as submitted.

M/S W. Lam / H. Tran Ayes: 10

VI. Citizen's Forum:

*No comments made for the record.*

VII. New and Continued Business:

1. Selection of 2009 Telecom Chair and Vice Chair.

The commission’s annual selection of a chair and vice chair began with the nominations of telecom chair.

Commission member Dinesh Gupta began by nominating Albert Alcorn to serve as chair. No other nominations offered. The commission closed the motion for the nominations.
The commission voted to select Albert Alcorn to serve as Telecom Commission chair for 2009.

The commission began nominations to the seat of Vice Chair.

Commissioner Satish Bansal nominated Niranjan Gupta for Vice Chair. Commissioner Hai Tran offers the nomination of Dinesh Gupta to serve as Vice Chair on the commission.

No other nominations where offered. The Commission closed the nomination. Prior to the vote of Vice Chair, Commissioner Niranjan Gupta requested that his nomination be withdrawn from the vote.

The Commission voted to select Dinesh Gupta to serve as Vice Chair on the telecom commission for 2009.

2. MCTV Corporation Group.

Dinesh Gupta, president of MCTV26 Corporation, reported that the newly form corporation had developed by laws, and have board members. The members include, Kurt Bohan serving as Chair, Dinesh Gupta, Roger Shaw, Hai Tran, Syed Bilgrami, and Steve Munzel, Bill Marion serving as city liaison. The MCTV26 Corporation has been established to as a 501c nonprofit organization.

Mr. Gupta reported that the corporation has also established a bank account and can start receiving or begin seeking funding to help support MCTV Corporation.

Mr. Tran added that programming and studio production are underway and city staff has been assisting in adding more programming to the weekly channel line up and to maintain the overall MCTV studio and programming operations.

Mr. Marion added that it has seen an increase in participation of monthly studio training, the use of the studio by outside community organizations and new programming that has been submitted for the MCTV26 weekly show line up.

Motion to note, receipt and file.

M/S N. Gupta / R. Shaw Ayes: 10

3. November – December ’08 Information Services Report

Staff reported on the monthly highlights for November and December 2008.

Staff reported on the status of the purchase equipment for a city wide network upgrade that will be made over a five-year program implementation. Staff also assisted with the new Milpitas library integration and security system culminating in the January 10th grand opening event. Staff has also added new security access measures to the city’s fueling station at the public works
corporation yard. Staff is also working to launch a newly designed website with improved functionality. The state of California is providing funding to update the city's emergency dispatch center as part of the upgrades of E911 dispatch center. Staff is also working on updating police department license plate reader technology which can read vehicle license plates that can identify fraudulent or stolen vehicles. Staff is also updating the Milpitas GIS database on several new housing developments and providing added data to the online network. Finally, staff is working with Google and Silicon Valley Wireless to establish a Wi-Fi network in Milpitas.

Commissioner N. Gupta asked of the funding for MCTV from Comcast. Staff reported that it is verifying the current number of franchise payments made to the City of Milpitas for the Public, Educational, Government (PEG) channels. Staff also reported that the nonprofit needs to provide liability insurance coverage to operate with the city of Milpitas. The Comcast funding being made to the City is to be used for capital replacement of equipment only. Staff is having the city attorney's office to review the agreement with the MCTV Corporation and with the City of Milpitas. Staff also added that the City's insurance coverage is held through a pool of other local governments through the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and does not prescribe to a single insurance company for its coverage. Staff maintains that the MCTV Corporation must obtain its own insurance coverage in order to separate the city and MCTV26 from liability.

Chair Alcorn asked of the current status of the city GIS mapping and fiber option network. Staff reported that the Information Services had received an updated aerial map of Milpitas form the USGS. The new aerial map will be good for another two years. Staff also noted that its fiber optic network has received new fiber, located at Able and Curtis, and has done recent upgrades to network connectivity throughout all city facilities. The Milpitas sports center is still being connected via a wireless connection from city hall. Currently, there is no viable path to connect a fiber optic line the city's sports center complex.

Commissioner N. Gupta asked of the Webmaster. Staff noted that the Webmaster duties are being managed by a team of three information services staff members and are currently working on the website redesign.

Chair Alcorn asked of the status of the city's public safety radio system. Staff reported the city's radio system is in year 3 of the 10 year life span. Currently, Santa Clara County is testing an interoperability project based on internet protocol and established microwave technology based in the Santa Clara County Sheriff's office. Currently, the federal government is providing funding for the project.

Motion to note, receipt and file.

M/S N. Gupta / D. Gupta Ayes: 10
4. Roundtable Discussion

Commissioner Carmen Montano, from the Library Commission, presented to the commission members of the new Milpitas library and was seeking participants to become financial donors to support future the new library’s future programs and services that will support and benefit the Milpitas community. Commissioner Montano distributed information to the commission if they were interested in supporting programs in the new library.

Chair Alcorn asked about planning for the next commission off-site work session in order to provide a city council update and give progress report of commission’s activities.

Commissioner Tran asked if staff was presentation for the new library opening. Staff noted that it is working with another community volunteer for another video tape of the event. A finished video of the January 10th event will be added to the MCTV26 programming line up.

Staff also added that the annual Form 700 document submittal is needed from all the commissioners. Staff will obtain the new Form 700 document and will be emailed to all the members.

Commissioner Ahuja asked of Digital Transition that was scheduled for February 17. Staff reported that the federal government has requested that an extension of June 12. Cable and Satellite subscribers will not be affected by the digital change over. Commissioner Ahuja also asked of the out reach efforts for the new Silicone Valley Wireless/Google venture.

VIII. Adjournment of Meeting:

Meeting adjourned to February 23, 2009 commission meeting.