

June 30, 1971

MEETING NOTICE

Please mark your calendar. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of MEDIC Enterprises, Inc. is scheduled for:

Date: Wednesday, July 14, 1971

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Ebony Manor
100 Clinton Avenue
Newark, New Jersey

MEDIC Enterprises, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 9, 1971

Present:

David Barrett	Horace Brown
Imamu Amiri Baraka*	Miss Sally Carroll
Harold Wilson	C. Theodore Pinckney
William A. Mercer	Joseph Watson
Mrs. Ruth McClain	Fred Means
Halevy Simmons	Emory Brown
Mrs. Louise Epperson	Elvin Austin
Carolyn Odom (staff)	

Cable TV:

Imamu Baraka gave report on progress of Cable TV project. Letters have been sent to Mayor Gibson, Corporation Counsel Walls and Junius Williams enumerating the things that a black community corporation can get by joining with Teleprompter instead of challenging them for the CATV license (copy of letter attached to original minutes).

Teleprompter appears to be willing to give up:

- (a) 20% equity position in Teleprompter
- (b) Training Program for minorities
- (c) 90% of the employees at the Newark office would be black
- (d) Sharing of management
- (e) 4 channels for education

- (f) 1 channel for general programming (commerical use)
 - (g) Creation of Program Development Corporation to be spun off to the community group for the creation of pilots for TV Programs
- MEDIC would own this spin-off corporation and sell its programs to Teleprompter and others.

A meeting was held between Lowenstein of the Corporation Counsel's office, Bill Mercer, James Eddleton and Imamu Baraka. Lowenstein stated that the city is looking for:

- (a) Instead of just gross receipts, a flat rate plus percentage of gross receipts
- (b) Channels to contract out to community groups for broadcasts
- (c) Quality control

It was agreed that the group would meet on June 10 at 10 a.m. to come up with a dual corporate agreement to deal with Kahn.

There was a meeting on June 3, in NYC with C. T. Vivian to discuss possible agreement with Kahn. Vivian's interest is that he wants to sell Kendrick's educational program designed to bring CATV into schools. HEW is to underwrite the cost. From this meeting it was agreed that they would wait until after the Walls-Lowenstein meeting before reapproaching Kahn.

If all is resolved from meeting with city, MEDIC (Newark Cable TV Committee) will be group to negotiate with Teleprompter. There is one problem, however, and that is a definition of the role that CDA (Junius Williams) wants to play.

C.T. Pinckney questioned the dual corporate structure of venture between MEDIC and the city saying that he would prefer not to have an inter-locking corporate structure.

Imamu Baraka stated that the corporate structures will not be dual but each would be separate corporation.

The question was raised as to whether or not the city will want a part of MEDIC's 20% equity.

Imamu Baraka replied that since the city was asking for 7% of the gross receipts, they would probably make more on their percentage than MEDIC.

Imamu Baraka also stated that Kahn has agreed to provide a mobile unit and a studio for training people as soon as an agreement is made.

Mrs. McClain asked, "who is Newark Cable TV".

Mr. Mercer replied that presently Newark Cable TV is the incorporators-- C. Theodore Pinckney, William A. Mercer and John Kelly. The CATV Committee is composed of 6 MEDIC Board Members and 4 non-board (community communications people) members. The actual corporate structure and stock holders will be decided by MEDIC's Board after an agreement is reached with Teleprompter.

WNJR:

Mrs. McClain reported on status of WNJR project referring to recent articles from Newark Star-Ledger and N.Y. Times. (copy attached to original minutes). Mrs. McClain has met with Julian Robinson and Ellis Hazelip. Hazelip will be free after June 18th to begin to raise the \$100,00 venture capital.

The following things will be necessary to get the WNJR project moving rapidly:

- (a) Questionnaire completed by each board member to be returned by Wednesday or Thursday (6/16 or 6/17).

These questionnaires are necessary for creating a

corporate structure for the acquisition of WNJR

(b) Location of new site for WNJR

(c) Survey of Newark leaders

There are approximately 8-12 weeks left before MEDIC will have to submit its application.

Mrs. McClain has been trying to contact Phil Watson to obtain names and resumes of persons for position of General Manager Designee (program design person and expeditor).

BANK:

Elvin Austin reported on progress of Bank. (Time Table attached to original copy).

Within the next two weeks the group should receive acceptance of its preliminary application and file its Summary of Information.

Austin stated that there have been preliminary discussions with Lionel Hampton to get him to serve as an incorporator because it was felt that the group needed someone of national prominence. Mr. Hampton has expressed some interest in this project. If Hampton is added the application will have to be amended.

RE: Stock for the Bank:

The stock will be sold at \$5 per share in order to make it available to the community. Capitalization for the bank will be \$1.5 million.

Bill Mercer suggested that the group should be working on getting commitments from people now for investments in the Bank.

Contract:

Elvin Austin reported that MEDIC is negotiating a new contract with

DCA in the amount of \$127,00. This contract should be continued on a monthly basis until the contract with the State Development Corporation becomes effective. Austin informed the Board that he had to go to Trenton that afternoon to sign the contract which would not become effective until signed by the Attorney General.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.