

**NORTH SUBURBAN COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES
February 7, 2008**

I. Call to Order

The Commission Chairman, Steve Larson, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm at CTV North Suburbs, Roseville facility.

II. Roll Call

The following Commissioners were in attendance:

Craig Wilson, Arden Hills
Rick Talbot, Falcon Heights
Barb Haake, Mounds View
Steve Larson, New Brighton
Steve Beilke, North Oaks
Tom Kough, Roseville
Hal Gray, St. Anthony
Ady Wickstrom, Shoreview

Others Present:

Coralie Wilson, Executive Director
Steve Guzzetta, Attorney, Bradley and Guzzetta, LLC
Pat Doocy, Administration and Human Resource Manager

III. Public Forum

Jim Nebel, CTV volunteer producer and Shoreview resident, was present at the public forum to explain his program "Fifteen Minutes of Fame." He urged Commissioners to contact him if they knew of any history, a famous person or event that took place in the 10-city area.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Haake moved, seconded by Ms. Wickstrom, to approve the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Haake moved, seconded by Mr. Gray, to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2007, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

VI. Public Hearing on the Maximum Rates and Charges for Basic Service Programming and for Associated Equipment and Installation.

Mr. Larson opened the Public Hearing in regards to Form 1240 and Form 1205 filed by Comcast submitted on or about March 1, 2007.

No one was present to speak at the Public Hearing.

Mr. Gray moved, seconded by Mr. Talbot, to close the Public Hearing.

VII. Reports

A. Executive Report

Ms. Wilson reported she attended a Falcon Heights City Council workshop meeting and alerted them that the Commission will be going through some strategic planning. She also reported that the Falcon Heights City Council appointed Chuck Long as Mr. Talbot's alternate to the Commission.

Ms. Wilson announced that the NATOA Policy and Legal Workshop in Washington, DC, has been scheduled for April 3 and 4, which is during the April Commission meeting. She will attend the workshop only if the Commissioners are willing to reschedule the Commission meeting.

After discussion, Mr. Talbot moved, seconded by Mr. Gray to cancel the April 3 Commission meeting and, if necessary, schedule a brief meeting prior to the Volunteer Banquet on April 24. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. Attorney

Mr. Guzzetta stated his report will be further in the agenda.

C. Cable Company

Ms. Donnelly-Cohen was unavailable for a report.

VIII. General Business

A. Treasurer's Report

Ms. Haake moved, seconded by Mr. Talbot, to approve the December 2007 Treasurer's Report. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. Resolution on Cable Rates

Ms. Wickstrom moved, seconded by Mr. Talbot, to approve Resolution 2008-01, an order regarding the maximum permitted basic programming service rate set forth in the Federal Communications Commission Form 1240 filed by Comcast of Minnesota, Inc., on or about March 1, 2007. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Wickstrom moved, seconded by Mr. Kough, to approve Resolution 2008-02, an order regarding the maximum permitted equipment and installation rates set forth in the Federal Communications Commission Form 1205 filed by Comcast of Minnesota, Inc., on or about March 1, 2007. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. Resolution Supporting Local Cable Franchising

Mr. Talbot moved, seconded by Mr. Gray, to adopt Resolution 2008-03 supporting local franchising pursuant to Chapter 238 of Minnesota Statutes and Federal law and opposing any amendments to Chapter 238 that would eviscerate local authority and establish a statewide franchising scheme and to direct staff to send a copy of the resolution to state legislators representing the member cities. The motion was approved unanimously.

D. Set Joint Meeting with Telecommunications Advisory Committee

Ms. Haake moved, seconded by Mr. Gray, to have a joint meeting with the members of TAC to discuss the next steps regarding the follow-up on the I-Net Strategic Technical Plan prepared by Columbia Telecommunications Corporation. The motion was approved unanimously.

E. Amend Agreement with Ramsey County Library for Use of Institutional Network

Ms. Wickstrom moved, seconded by Ms. Haake, to approve Resolution 2008-4, regarding the approval of an addendum to the Agreement between the North Suburban Communications Commission and the Ramsey County Library Board, Minnesota, for use of the Institutional Network fiber optic capacity. The motion was approved unanimously.

IX. Announcements

Mr. Talbot suggested the Commission must get the word out of their role in the community with Comcast and the subscribers. He added that people need to solve their issues with the Cable Company, but, if they are frustrated, they should know they can contact their Commissioners or Commission office. He also wanted to educate the public that the Commission does not set the cable rate, but we review the rate maximum permitted for basic cable and for installation and equipment.

Ms. Wilson added that the public needs to know that competitive franchising does not necessarily result in lower rates. She added that one year studies of state-wide franchising have been done in Michigan and Texas and rates did not go down.

Mr. Talbot announced the annual scholarship program and urged the public to visit www.CTV15.org or to contact the Commission office for guidelines and application forms. He added the money that is provided by Comcast is a portion subscribers are paying on their cable bill.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Talbot moved, seconded by Mr. Gray, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm

Respectfully submitted

Pat Doocy, Administration/Human Resource Manager

Jeff Dains, Secretary/Treasurer