

**NORTH SUBURBAN COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES
August 2, 2007**

I. Call to Order

The Commission Chairman, Steve Larson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at CTV North Suburbs, Roseville facility.

II. Roll Call

The following Commissioners were in attendance:

Craig Wilson, Arden Hills
Rick Talbot, Falcon Heights
Jeff Dains, Lauderdale
Rick Montour, Little Canada
Barb Haake, Mounds View
Steve Larson, New Brighton
Dan Roe, Alternate, Roseville
Hal Gray, St. Anthony
Ady Wickstrom, Shoreview

Others Present:

Coralie A. Wilson, Executive Director
Steve Guzzetta, Attorney, Bradley & Guzzetta, LLC
Kathy Donnelly-Cohen, Director of Government Affairs, Comcast
Pat Doocy, Administration and Human Resource Manager
Bryan Olson, Volunteer Producer, Falcon Heights
Dave Greer, Volunteer Producer, Shoreview
Bob Zick, Access Producer, Maplewood

III. Approval of Agenda

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

IV. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Wickstrom moved, seconded by Mr. Montour, to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2007, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. Public Forum

Bryan Olson, volunteer producer from Falcon Heights was present at the public forum commenting on the CTAC appointments.

Dave Greer, volunteer producer from Shoreview was present at the public forum commenting on CTV using the VBrick technology in order for the viewers to see the St. Paul Saints games. He suggested that when a program is pre-empted for the Saints, CTV could provide a promo telling the viewers when the program will be played.

Bob Zick, access producer from Maplewood, was present at the public forum commenting on the Saints games pre-empting his program.

VI. Reports

A. Executive Report

Ms. Wilson gave a legislative update stating the Office of Management and Budget had finished their review of the FCC's video franchising rule making the end of July so the rule will now go into effect. She also reported that the local government associations had filed a motion for a stay of the FCC order in the Sixth District Court and that the judge dismissed it but without prejudice. Ms. Wilson stated the judge indicated the association should go to the FCC first to request a stay and, if tuned down, then come back. She further stated Minnesota probably will not be affected by FCC rule since the state has Chapter 238, which delineates how we grant franchises.

City Ms. Wilson reminded the Commission, that they had previously adopted a policy and procedure for granting second franchises, she said and Mr. Guzzetta has prepared a model ordinance that will be distributed to the Commissioners and Managers and Administrators prior to the September Commission meeting.

Ms. Wilson reported that the franchise fee checks are in from Comcast and will be forwarded to the cities.

She urged the Commissioners to consider attending the MACTA conference in Brooklyn Park, September 13-14, and/or the NATOA Conference in Portland on October 2-6.

B. Attorney

Mr. Guzzetta noted that the Commissioners voted at the June meeting to participate in the franchise fee review by Dick Treich from Front Range Consulting. He added that Mr. Treich will be contacting Ms. Wilson for more information in order to get the review underway.

Mr. Guzzetta reported on a court decision in the State of Connecticut which addressed the proper classification of video services offered by AT&T. He explained that AT&T has asserted they are not providing a cable service, but an IP information service, not subject to local regulation and, therefore, not required to obtain a franchise to provide service.

Mr. Guzzetta reported that the Office of Consumer Council, a Connecticut state Agency charged with the protection of consumer interest, brought a suit challenging that AT&T assertion. The Court did conclude that AT&T's U-Verse service is a cable service and that this service is provided over a cable system, making AT&T a cable supplier subject to any state and local franchises requirements, and also subject to the Federal Cable Act. Mr. Guzzetta stated this is a huge victory for local governments,

C. Cable Company

Ms. Donnelly-Cohen announced Comcast is going to be producing some PSAs helping to inform people of traffic flow issues since the collapse of the I-35W Bridge. She added Mayor Ryback will announce the need for information to get out almost daily on this issue.

Ms. Donnelly-Cohen referred to the VIP newsletter and an article explaining the Comcast box that contains subscriber information and also a security card that subscribers could use with another box they purchased elsewhere.

Ms. Donnelly-Cohen reported that, a couple months ago, Mr. Brian Roberts from Comcast made a presentation at a trade show promising broadband speeds in excess of 100mb. She announced that, by the beginning of 2008, that speed will be available in this market.

VII. General Business

A. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Montour moved, seconded by Mr. Dains, to approve the May 2007 Treasurer's Report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Haake moved, seconded by Mr. Dains, to approve the June 2007 Treasurer's report. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. Re-Schedule October Meeting

Mr. Montour moved, seconded by Mr. Gray, to re-schedule the October meeting from October 4 to October 11. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Talbot thanked Ms. Wilson for serving on the Board of NATOA and appreciated her involvement as leader in that organization.

VIII. Announcements

Mr. Larson thanked the crew for this evening's shoot: Jack Barlow, Bob Hurston, Kevin Schmitz, Ruth Mason, Jack Walsh, Bill Walsh, Mitch Kalmer, Mark Bergren, Dave Preble and Pat Doocy.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Montour moved, seconded by Mr. Talbot, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm

Respectfully submitted

Pat Doocy, Administration/Human Resource Manager

Craig Wilson, Secretary/Treasurer