

NORTH SUBURBAN COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES
April 6, 2006

I. Call to Order

The Commission Chairman, Rick Talbot, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. 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
Barb Haake, Mounds View
Jim Johnston, North Oaks
Tom Kough, Roseville
Hal Gray, St. Anthony
Ady Wickstrom, Shoreview

Others Present:

Coralie A. Wilson, Executive Director
Steve Guzzetta, Bradley & Guzzetta, LLC
Kathy Donnelly-Cohen, Director of Government Affairs, Comcast
Mike Roehl, CPA, Harrington, Langer and Assoc.
Pat Doocy, Administration and Human Resource Manager

III. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Wilson requested to add item VIII.D. Scholarship Committee to the agenda. Ms. Haake moved, seconded by Mr. Dains, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Wickstrom moved, seconded by Mr. Dains, to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2006, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. Public Forum

No one was present to speak at the public forum.

VI. Reports

A. Executive Report

Ms. Wilson gave an update on legislative activities, reporting that the Telecommunication's subcommittee of the US House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee had made several amendments to the Barton Bill. She noted that amendments regarding any build-out requirements or net neutrality did not pass. She reported that the bill has been voted out of subcommittee and will go to the full committee after the Easter break.

Ms. Wilson urged the Commissioners to ask their cities to contact members of the Minnesota delegation: Senator Dayton, Senator Coleman,

and Representative McCollum. She stated that the language in the bill will eliminate PEG funding and the language on franchise fees is still problematic. Ms. Wilson said the bill also sets up the FCC as the arbitrator in any disputes over public rights of way. She said it is very important that the state's legislators hear from the elected officials.

Ms. Wilson reported she is urging the volunteers and producers to contact the legislators, and she has e-mailed Mounds View and Roseville schools who use the CTV facilities heavily. She also reported, that CTV will start using PSAs to educate viewers and the public, and she will be drafting letters to editors and will be working with the League of Minnesota cities as well. She added that, even if the bill doesn't pass, it will set the floor for 2007

Ms. Wilson stated she is confident Qwest will propose legislation in January in the next state legislative session.

B. Attorney

Mr. Guzzetta reported that reply comments were filed with FCC on the Notice of Proposed Rule Making on Video Franchising. He said there were approximately 70 pages of comments on behalf of the Commission.

Mr. Guzzetta stated Qwest is being the least aggressive in providing video service. He added, Qwest does not have the cash and therefore will proceed more slowly, so it will take much longer for areas served by Qwest to see any competition.

C. Cable Company

Ms. Donnelly-Cohen referred to an article in the Minneapolis newspaper by Steve Alexander. She stated that there was a bit of misinformation in the article about the company's new digital telephone product that launched on March 30. Ms. Donnelly-Cohen reported that, a previous article claimed there were a number of complaints on the battery back up, but, in reality, the product had not yet been introduced.

In response to a subscriber call on why Comcast had 911 certification and who authorized this certification, Ms. Donnelly-Cohen reported MESB, the Metropolitan Emergency Service Board required an application and testing in order to receive certification. She added that Comcast has also received certification by the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Commerce, and the Public Utilities Commission.

In answer to Ms. Wickstrom's question on Comcast service demonstrations, Ms. Donnelly-Cohen described the Gee Whiz Room at their St. Paul office living room setting that has all the new services available by Comcast and demonstrations on how they work.

VII. Consent Agenda

VIII. General Business

A. Treasurer's Report

Ms. Haake moved, seconded by Mr. Dains, to approve the February 2006 Treasurer's Report. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. Audit Report

Ms. Haake moved, seconded by Mr. Dains, to accept the 2005 Audit Report and to direct staff to send copies of the report to the member cities. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. Federal Legislation

Ms. Wilson reported this information was covered in the Executive Director's report.

D. Scholarship Committee

Mr. Johnston, Mr. Wilson and Ms. Haake agreed to serve on the Scholarship Committee to review the applications and prepare a recommendation on the awards for the May Commission meeting.

IX. Announcements

X. Adjournment

Ms. Haake moved, seconded by Mr. Dains, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Doocy, Administration/Human Resource Manager

Craig Wilson, Secretary/Treasurer