

**City of Ann Arbor  
CABLE COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**March 23, 2010  
Regular Session**

**MINUTES**

Call To Order and Roll Call: Chair R. Sutton called the Cable Commission Regular Session to order at 7:00 p.m. Upon roll call, the following were present: R. Sutton, B. Clarke, T. Ramirez, E. Eisbruch, T. Williams and S. Kunselman.

CCC: B. Clarke, E. Eisbruch, T. Ramirez, R. Sutton, and T. Williams

Council: M. Higgins and S. Kunselman

CTN Staff: L. Wondrash and R. Salmeron

Approval of Agenda: Chair R. Sutton asked for approval of the agenda. Motion to approve was made by B. Clarke and seconded by T. Ramirez.

Approval of Minutes: Chair R. Sutton asked for approval of the January 26, 2010 Regular Session minutes as presented. Motion to approve was made by B. Clarke and seconded by T. Ramirez.

Public Comment: None provided.

Communications Report: L. Wondrash announced that the Google Fiber Initiative for communities was announced by Google in early February. Google would choose a test location to launch a broadband network that would stream data at about 100 times faster than cable or DSL. As such, communities throughout the nation are very interested and are submitting the Request for Information which includes questions ranging from how much rain a community receives to identifying community support for such service. The effort is being led by the City of Ann Arbor, as well as, the University of Michigan and DTE. The team created a web site, [www.a2fiber.com](http://www.a2fiber.com), and intends to submit the Request for Information by the March 26 deadline. In addition, City Council passed a resolution supporting these efforts and more than 15,000 fans on Facebook have signed up to show their support for Google choosing Ann Arbor for the fiber for communities test. Google is expected to select test communities by year end. Residents were encouraged to visit the [www.a2fiber.com](http://www.a2fiber.com) web site and voice their opinions about why Ann Arbor should be selected.

CTN Report: R. Salmeron provided a legislative update, which included an explanation of the federal law suit against Comcast by Dearborn, Meridian Twp., Warren and Birmingham was forwarded to the FCC. As a result, Comcast decided to settle this suit and agree not to move lower analog PEG channels up to the 900 tier. Comcast also

agreed to keep PEG channels on the lower tier until the digital conversion is completed. When the digital conversion is complete, digital convertors will be free for basic users. Comcast also agreed to pay \$250,000 for legal costs to be shared between the four communities who had brought the suit forward.

In regards to HR3745, the CAP Bill, the Executive Board members of the Alliance for Community Media went to Capitol Hill and 25 board members visited 17-18 representatives and got three more representatives to sign on to the bill making—bringing the grand total to 19 supporters.

He announced that the iMOVIE classes would be starting in April and the Final Cut class had been available since November. He showed some PSA's from the Farmer's Market (winter hours), driving material from the Secretary of State, a promotion for CTN on Facebook and Twitter and a general promotion about the importance of free speech.

Old Business: R. Sutton said the CTN mission sub-committee would hold its first meeting on April 6 at 7 p.m. at CTN.

New Business:

- None provided.

Commission/Staff Comments: E. Eisbrush announced that she and her daughter had attended the March CTN Preview given by L. Visovatti and they learned a lot. She requested more information about the possibility of CTN offering its public access channels on PEG Central. R. Salmeron explained that at this time CTN hadn't explored the legal complications with content ownership of public access programs. R. Sutton elaborated further that this issue would need further exploration by the City Attorney's Office. S. Kunselman noted he appreciated City Council meetings being archived online and the agendas now being synced to the video in Legistar. R. Salmeron praised the City's IT Department for initiating and accomplishing this new feature.

Adjournment: B. Clarke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by T. Ramirez. With no further discussion Chair R. Sutton closed the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Submitted by: L. Wondrash

Date Approved: June 22, 2010