

City of Ann Arbor
CABLE COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

October 27, 2009
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, J. Meyers and T. Ramirez.

CCC: B. Clarke, J. Meyers, T. Ramirez, R. Sutton.

CTN Staff: 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 J. Meyers.

Approval of Minutes: Chair R. Sutton asked for approval of the June 23, 2009 Regular Session minutes as presented. Motion to approve was made by B. Clarke and seconded by J. Meyers.

Public Comment: None provided.

Communications Report: R. Salmeron gave a legislative update on the Community Access Preservation Act (CAP). City Council passed the resolution on October 12. CAP, House Bill 3745 was put forward by Federal U.S Representative Baldwin of Wisconsin. The CAP Act asks for four provisions:

1. Regulate all video providers in the same way.
2. Require all video providers to carry PEG Channels like they carry commercial broadcast channels.
3. Allow PEG stations to use their PEG Fees for any PEG-related purpose, such as staffing.
4. Require the FCC to look into the affect state franchising laws have had on PEG access.

CTN CAP support efforts include e-mailing letters to producers, non-profit organizations and other agencies to contact their local state representatives and support this bill. CTN also has the CAP Act information on its website.

CTN Report: R. Salmeron played new Halloween safety tip public service announcements produced by CTN staff.

R. Salmeron also reviewed several items from the CTN Monthly Report including:

- CTN will host the 2011 Spring Regional Alliance for Community Media Conference in Ann Arbor. Due to the decreasing attendance and inability to travel for some networks, the Central States decided to change the format from a Spring/Fall full Conference to a 1.5 day Spring Summit with one topic of focus.
- At the Fall ACM Conference CTN won five Philo Awards and four Finalist Awards. One Finalist award also went to citizen producer, Laurence Miller. The other three Finalist awards went to CTN producers Dana Denha, Rob Cross and Tim Nagae.

Old Business: R. Sutton apologized for not scheduling a mission subcommittee meeting and asked that volunteers e-mail him availability within the next three weeks so a meeting can be scheduled.

New Business: J. Meyers said that at the end of the CTN program he noticed that Leightronix was listed as owning that program's copy write. R. Salmeron said he would verify that the Leightronix copyright notation was for the webpage and not the program content. J. Meyers then inquired about public meeting copyright protocol. R. Salmeron said CTN has not had an attorney opinion on that subject before. R. Sutton added that this issue would be a great topic for the mission subcommittee to discuss.

At the last Commission meeting the discussion of the future Commission meeting being held quarterly was tabled. R. Sutton asked if anyone wanted to bring that item off the table. J. Meyers responded no.

Commission/Staff Comments: None provided.

Adjournment: R. Sutton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by B. Clarke. With no further discussion Chair R. Sutton closed the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Lisa Wondrash, Communications Unit Manager
Date Approved: 01/26/10