

MINUTES

Oshkosh Cable Television Advisory Commission

REGULAR MEETING

May 3, 2006

The regular meeting of the Oshkosh Cable Television Advisory Commission was held at 4:00 p.m. on May 3, 2006 in Room 404 of City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Witte and roll call was taken. Present were members Mr. Williams, Mrs. Sieber and Mrs. Lowe. Also present was Jon Urben, OCAT Cable Media Services Director and Bill Harke, Public Relations Director for Time Warner Cable.

Chairman Witte then asked for consideration of the minutes from the January 4, 2006 meeting (There was no March meeting). It was moved by Mrs. Sieber, seconded by Mr. Williams, that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Being that there were no communications from cable subscribers or the general public, Chairman Witte moved to the Report of the Franchisee.

Mr. Harke announced Time Warner's new general manager for the Fox Valley is Mike Fox, who will report to Jack Herbert in the Milwaukee division. Mr. Harke also noted that Time Warner added a new Family Tier and a Hispanic Tier earlier this year. He also noted for digital subscribers that their Wisconsin on Demand channel was moved from Channel 999 to Channel 1111. Wisconsin on Demand provides local programming in the Oshkosh/Appleton/Green Bay/Milwaukee markets. It was noted that Wisconsin Eye (a proposal to provide live coverage of state government) has yet to move forward with no set timeframes as to when it may be seen on cable.

Chairman Witte then asked for the Report of OCAT. Mr. Urben noted the following:

- OCAT staff, producers and local resident producers received over 10 programming awards in the 8th annual WAPC (Wisconsin Association of PEG Channels) Video Festival held May 5 in Madison, WI. Awards of Merit were given to the Oshkosh Police Department's "Beyond the Badge" program, the Rotary Bowling Fundraiser PSA, the "Your City at Work" PSA, the WaterFest PSA, the "Your City at Work" program, and the "City Manager's Report" program. Awards of Achievement were given to the 2005 Oshkosh Holiday Parade program, the Oshkosh Today program (#212) and the Oshkosh Today program (#213). An Award of Excellence was given to the Oshkosh Sports Complex Update program produced by OCAT Production Assistant Scott Williams. Mr. Urben noted he would like to thank all the staff, volunteers and producers that worked so hard on these programs.

- The new WOCT program schedule has now been released. Mr. Urben noted some new changes to the schedule, including the name change of “Oshkosh Artists” to “Local Artists” and the addition of Polka music on Sunday mornings as soon as they received enough music from polka supporters.

Under unfinished business, Chairman Witte discussed a proposal to recommend that the Oshkosh Cable Television Advisory Commission meet on a quarterly basis. He noted the Commission doesn't necessarily have enough business to warrant the current meeting schedule (6 meetings per year) and that a quarterly schedule be a better use of the commission members' time. After some discussion it was motioned by Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Mrs. Sieber, that the Commission notify Mayor Castle of the recommendation to change the Cable Commission's meeting schedule to a quarterly basis of February, May, August and November on the first Wednesday of these months at 4 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Urben would notify the City Manager's office of this request.

There being no new business, Chairman Witte then asked for the date of the next meeting. Chairman Witte noted that assuming the Mayor and Council approve the meeting schedule change discussed today, the next meeting would be August 2 at 4 p.m. Upon motion by Mrs. Sieber, seconded by Mr. Williams, the Commission adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon G. Urben

Cable Media Services Director, Oshkosh Community Access Television

cc: Mr. Richard Wollangk
Mr. Bill Harke, Time Warner