

MINUTES

Oshkosh Cable Television Advisory Commission

Regular Meeting

January 5, 2005

The regular meeting of the Oshkosh Cable Television Advisory Commission was held at 4:00 p.m. on January 5, 2005 in Room 404 of City Hall.

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

Chairman Witte then asked for consideration of the minutes from the September 1, 2004 meeting. It was by Mr. Tower, seconded by Mr. Williams that the minutes be passed as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Witten then asked for any Communications from Cable Subscribers. Mrs. Marian Stevenson, 1335 Fairview addressed the commission on her complaint that she felt there was a "very liberal bias" of the background audio from WHID (88.1, the ideas network of Wisconsin Public Television) heard on the CitiCable 10 bulletin board service. It was noted Mrs. Stevenson's complaint was denied at the September meeting. The Commission felt OCAT should continue with using WHID feed for background audio on CATV 2.

Chairman Witte then asked for the Report of the Franchisee. Mr. Harke noted several updates from TW (Time Warner) including:

- CNN-FN channel has dissolved and is no longer on the lineup;
- TW has reached HDTV agreements for programming from all the major networks except for FOX. He noted there are about 1,400 HDTV subs in the TW market, with about 100 in the Oshkosh system;
- TW is working to get the WisEye programming on their system. WisEye is to begin televising proceedings of Wisconsin House & Senate meetings;
- TW's Wisconsin on Demand programming can be seen on Digital 998, subs can access community programs and replay them at their leisure from the server;
- Video over email service coming soon to TW RoadRunner service.

Chairman Witte thanked Mr. Harke for his report and noted the commission would appreciate any updates in a report fashion for future meetings.

Chairman Witte asked for the Report of OCAT and The Friends of OCAT. Mr. Urben noted the following updates for the Friends of OCAT:

- The Friends “Football Frenzy” fundraiser on December 5 generated a net amount of over \$7,000 for the group. He noted many thanks to the sponsors, volunteers and board members that made this event possible;
- The 2005 OCAT Cards (offering discounts and savings at area businesses) are doing well—cards sell for \$10 each and all proceeds benefit the group. He noted several local non-profits are also selling the cards, with \$4 of each card sold going back to the non-profit that is selling them;
- The LPFM radio station (WOCT) project is moving forward—the group is meeting for a strategic planning session later in January to discuss the next steps in the process. An estimated \$25K is required to get the station up and running and hopes are there will be some collaborative efforts with the City and other local parties. The group has until February, 2006 to construct and begin transmitting.

Moving to the Report of OCAT, Mr. Urben noted the following highlights:

- The 2005 Cable Commission contact sheet was distributed;
- The handout created to address any questions as to how politicians can use the OCAT channels was distributed to members. Mr. Urben noted the form is used to educate all on how the channels deal with political programming, which essentially is that everyone abides by the same rules and has the same opportunities to produce or appear on local CATV 2 programming. He noted the handout was sent to all the local candidates by the City Clerk’s office.
- The dates for the CitiCable 10 and Oshkosh League of Women Voters Candidate Forums has been set for Wednesday, January 26 and Thursday, January 27 in Room 404/406 of City Hall. The forums will include all the local races including Mayor, Council, County Executive and School Board and will be televised live on CitiCable 10.

There being no Unfinished Business or no New Business, Chairman Witte then noted the next Cable Commission meeting would be set for Wednesday, March 2 at 4 p.m. It was then moved by Mr. Tower, seconded by Mrs. Sieber that the Commission adjourn at 4:28 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon G. Urben

OCAT Cable Media Services Director

cc: Mr. Richard Wollangk, City Manager