

MINUTES

Oshkosh Cable Television Advisory Commission

REGULAR MEETING

January 9, 2002

The regular meeting of the Oshkosh Cable Television Advisory Commission was held at 4:00 p.m. on January 9, 2002 in Room 406 of City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Witte and roll call was taken. Present were members Mr. Williams, Mr. Wuerger, Mrs. Thorpe, Mrs. Sieber and Mr. McCormick. Also present was Barb Pandolfo, Time Warner Public Relations Manager and Jon Urben, Executive Director of Oshkosh Community Access Television.

Chairman Witte then asked for consideration of the minutes from the 11/7/01 meeting. It was moved by Mr. McCormick, seconded by Mrs. Sieber, 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. Mrs. Pandolfo noted Time Warner had several new projects and services in the works including Video on Demand, Subscription on Demand, PVR (personal video recorders), Home networking services and HDTV. She noted most of these new services would be coming from a server at the T-W head-end, and roll-out dates for the service launch dates have yet to be set. She noted HDTV is available for those subscribers requesting the service, although only HBO, Showtime currently broadcast in HDTV, with Channel 5 (WFRV) in Green Bay planning to do so in the near future. Mr. McCormick noted that he received a phone call from a subscriber about the increase in cable bills. Mrs. Pandolfo noted most bills are going up an average of 5% due to an increase in programming costs. Mr. McCormick also noted he had a problem getting T-W techs to install HDTV box on his new HDTV set. Mrs. Pandolfo noted T-W is not happy with the current HDTV boxes they have received for subscribers and subscribers have been made aware of their shortcomings. She noted they are seeing a 30% failure rate on the current boxes. She also noted T-W would be replacing the HDTV boxes as customers request to be put on the list for new sets. She closed by noting that full implementation of HDTV by all network programmers probably wouldn't happen until 2008-09, at which point all analog tv sets would become obsolete.

Chairman Witte then asked for the Report of OCAT. Mr. Urben noted he hoped to meet with City administration within the next several weeks to address future steps for OCAT as it relates to new access channel implementation, capital expenditures, new facilities and other issues. He hoped to have an update by the March CATV meeting on what issues were addressed. Mr. Urben also noted several upcoming local events OCAT

would be covering in the near future: MLK Jr. Community Celebration 1/21, Elected Officials Town Hall Meeting on 1/28 and the Spring Candidates forum co-sponsored by OCAT and the Oshkosh League of Women Voters on 3/20. Mr. Urben also noted the agreement with Town of Algoma for OCAT programming was also going well. He noted the first billing went out this week for 4th quarter 2001 programming for the Town. He also noted OCAT would be hosting a booth at the Chamber of Commerce Business Expo, January 31 at the Convention Center.

Moving onto the Report of the Friends of OCAT, Mr. Urben noted the group was moving along with its regular series programming, including the Spotlight on Schools series, the high school sports coverage and the Adventures in Investing.

There being no Unfinished Business or New Business, Chairman Witte then asked for discussion on the next meeting date. After some discussion it was agreed the commission would meet next on Wednesday, March 6 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 404 of City Hall.

Upon motion by Mrs. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. McCormick, the Commission adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon G. Urben
Executive Director, Oshkosh Community Access Television

cc: Oshkosh Cable Television Advisory Commission Members
Mr. Richard Wollangk
Mrs. Barb Pandolfo