

MINUTES

Oshkosh Cable Television Advisory Commission

REGULAR MEETING

July 6, 2005

The regular meeting of the Oshkosh Cable Television Advisory Commission was held at 4:00 p.m. on July 6 in Room 404 of City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Witte and roll call was taken. Present were members Mr. Kerkhoff, Mrs. Sieber and Mr. Tower. Chairman Witte also introduced the newest member to the commission, Mrs. Diane Lowe. Mrs. Lowe fills an open seat on the commission. It was also noted that Mrs. Robin Asbury will be leaving Oshkosh and has resigned from the Commission. Also present was Jon Urben, Executive Director of Oshkosh Community Access Television and Bill Harkey, Public Relations Director for Time Warner Cable.

Chairman Witte then asked for consideration of the minutes from the May 4, 2005 meeting. It was moved by Mrs. Sieber, seconded by Mr. Tower, 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. Harkey noted that Mr. Steven Everding's reception problem (listed on the May, 2005 meeting agenda), was finally resolved by Time Warner engineers. He noted that Mr. Everding was now pleased with the results. Mr. Harkey also noted that TNT, TBS and Oxygen network have now been added to Time Warner's On-Demand Options. He closed by noting that Time Warner's Wisconsin-On-Demand digital channel was receiving approximately 2,000 hits per week from cable subscribers. He noted the channel offers a variety of local programs that digital subscribers can access for free at any time of the day. Mr. Harkey noted he would like to discuss placing OCAT programs on the channel and would be in contact with Mr. Urben to discuss this issue.

Chairman Witte then asked for the Report of the Community Access Television Channel. Mr. Urben distributed sneak-preview summer editions of the OCAT News newsletter to members, highlighting the latest activities of OCAT. He noted that the major focus of both the Friends of OCAT and OCAT has been the planning and promotion of WOCT-Oshkosh's first community radio station. The Friends of OCAT applied and received a construction permit from the FCC in the fall of 2004 to construct a 100 watt radio station operating on the 101.9 FM frequency. Mr. Urben noted the station will be housed within the OCAT facility, and will be a joint venture between the City and the Friends of OCAT. The FCC estimates the station will have a range of 5-8 miles encompassing the City of

Oshkosh and outer areas. Mr. Urben noted the entire station will be automated but will require an OCAT part-time staffer to program and schedule the station. He noted phase one of the station will be to simulcast CitiCable 10 live government meetings, municipal programs and some Friends of OCAT programs run on CATV 2. When not simulcasting these television programs an audio server (computer) will play a mix of music genres and themes. The fundraising campaign for the first phase of the project is set at \$38,000. He noted phase one is set to begin January 1, 2006. He noted that if additional dollars are raised the station will enter phase two of the project, which would begin January, 2007. Phase two will provide additional labor funding to assist local community producers and organizations in hosting their own 60-minute radio programs. These programs will be mixed into the programming line-up found in phase one.

Mr. Urben also highlighted several other recent OCAT activities, including:

- The OCAT van was recently upgraded with more permanent video equipment for the coverage of remote productions;
- OCAT staff and local producers were recognized at both the state and national level for 2004 video productions;
- The Oshkosh Police Department now has a regular program highlighting OPD programs and services. Their program "Beyond the Badge" airs regularly on CitiCable 10;
- The Oshkosh Boating Club has a new program on CATV 2 entitled "Let's Go Boating."

There being no unfinished or new business, Chairman Witte then asked for the date of the next meeting. After some discussion it was noted the next regular meeting will be Wednesday, September 7, 2005 in Room 404 of City Hall. Upon motion by Mr. Tower, seconded by Mrs. Sieber, the Commission adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon G. Urben

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cc: Mr. Richard Wollangk
Mr. Bill Harkey