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Germantown Telecommunications Commission Meeting

Wednesday, July 8th, 2009
Administrative Conference Room – 6:00P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tony Fischer - Chairman, Sandra Abel, Bill Brody, Rik Ditter, Glen Murry and Jack Parnell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rodney McKelroy, Donna Chandler Newman and Danish Siddiqui

PRESENT BMA LIASON: Alderman Ernest Chism

PRESENT STAFF LIASON: Kristen Geiger, Assistant City Administrator
Stephanie Logan, Technical Services Coordinator

PRESENT NON MEMBERS: Frank Bluestein, GHS-TV Executive Director
Otha Brandon, Comcast, Director of Government Affairs

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Fischer called the July 8th, 2009, Telecommunications Commission to order at 6.02pm. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was established..

****MOTION ***

MINUTES

Chairman Fischer called for the approval of the July 8th, 2009 Telecommunications Commission Minutes. Glen Murry made a motion, seconded by Jack Parnell, to approve the Minutes with corrections. The Motion passed unanimously.

COMCAST REPORT

Otha began his report.

10,306 Comcast cable subscribers for June, 2009

- Up 301 Subscribers from May 2009
- Down 10 subscribers from May, 2008

He stated that the subscriber numbers are affected as there was an error with the calculation and that an adjustment will be due to the City for Capital Contribution but not the PEG Contribution. The total is down compared to last year by 10 subscribers.

There will be 6 new channels added on July 30 and 4 channels will be relocated.

Community – John Polk from Germantown High School and Jessie Harris from Houston High School each received one of 36 \$1,000 Leaders and Achievers Scholarships from COMCAST Foundation based on academics and community involvement.

The Firecracker 5K annual walk. This is the 11th year that COMCAST has been sponsoring this event. 2,500 people registered and all the proceeds go to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Chairman Fischer requested a Code from the Drop Bury reports. Otha stated that this matter was not yet resolved.

GHS-TV REPORT

Frank then stated the June 2009 monthly statistics for GHS-TV: GHS-TV cablecast 720 hours of monthly programming, 70 non-repeat local and national television shows cablecast. The number of television shows produced locally by GHS-TV for the 2008/2009 season was 352. Total number of shows taped in June was 9. He added that this report would end the Fiscal Year.

GHS-TV has produced 100 Access Together Projects in total for the season.

Frank also stated that he would provide the Commission with a financial update to show the exact figures at the next meeting.

Alderman Chism commended Kristen Geiger's involvement in the Commission and stated that it was a great help to the Board.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Kristen Geiger began her review of the update, providing details where necessary.

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SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

Video streaming Sub-Committee report was given by Chairman Rik Ditter. The Committee basically went over what was talked about in last meeting. He stated that The City was hoping to start video streaming meetings via the internet.

Frank Bluestein expressed that he would like to be included in Sub-Committee meetings. Kristen stated that she would let him know when the next meetings would be held.

Comcast Sub-Committee Chairman Bill Brody began his review. They recommend that there should be a time limit and a geographical limit (reviewed every 1-2 years). Sub-Committee Members asked for any input from members and staff for inclusion in the report. Bill suggested that the Board would be able to amend the Agreement to make exceptions.

After a lot of discussion it was decided that the next step is to present ideas to Administration for further review. The Sub-Committee will have another meeting to finalize.

Glen Murry stated that this would be his last meeting as he is moving to Collierville. Commission Members thanked Glen and wished him well.

Frank Bluestein asked Otha to confirm that the 10,306 figure in the report does include Comcast employees and that it is accurate. Otha said he would look into this and report back at the next meeting.

Committee Members were also asked to email any thoughts for inclusion regarding the ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

****MOTION****

Chairman Fischer called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandra Abel made a motion, seconded by Bill Brody. Motion passed unanimously.