

CITY OF DARIEN
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Minutes of the Regular Meeting

April 19, 2007
Darien City Hall
1702 Plainfield Road
7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Chairman Mike Vonder Heide, Tony Bilyj, Bernard Durkin, Don Jiskra,
Steve Kowynia, Bo Gibbons, and Joe Schmitz

ABSENT: John Laratta and Ron Snyder

CALL TO ORDER:

There being a quorum the meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was a motion to approve the minutes for June 15, 2006 meeting by Tony Bilyj, seconded by Don Jiskra. The vote was unanimous.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

Utilization Reports from Comcast were reviewed. There appeared to be no substantial differences in the numbers that were reported.

Rosanna Furman reported that internet services do not fall under the franchise agreement; therefore Comcast is not required to provide utilization reports on this activity.

Communication regarding channel line-up was also reviewed.

OTHER BUSINESS/UPDATES

The Commission discussed the City's new website. Suggestions for improvement and items for inclusion were discussed.

Tony Bilyj asked if the City would be getting DVD. Rosanna Furman mentioned that it had been included in the budget but was turned down. There was some discussion regarding the shelf life of videos and the benefits of obtaining DVD recording capabilities.

Joe Schmidt reported that as a volunteer who videotapes the City Council Meetings, it is difficult to get a full video-shot and zoom in on the left side of the Council members, such as during the Treasurer's report because of the location of the video camera, which is on the right side of the room. There was some discussion regarding this and Joe Schmidt made a motion to look into moving the video camera about 5 feet forward, which was seconded by Don Jiskra. Rosanna Furman will acquire a bid.

Don Jiskra indicated that the videos of the meetings sometimes appeared shaky. Over a year ago, Comcast came out to check out the equipment and ensure that it was working properly. Rosanna

Furman will contact Comcast to come out and review the equipment for potential repair to alleviate this problem.

Rosanna Furman discussed that in the past, the City has conducted a City survey through mass mailing. She will be researching conducting a survey via email.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Communications Commission meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Bo Gibbons and seconded by Joe Schmidt to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meter adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Furman