

CITY OF DARIEN
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Minutes of the Regular Meeting

August 21, 2008
Darien City Hall
1702 Plainfield Road
7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Chairman Mike Vonder Heide, Tony Bilyj, Bernard Durkin, Steve Kowynia, Joe Schmitz, John Laratta, Ron Snyder and Don Jiskra

ABSENT: Bo Gibbons

CALL TO ORDER:

There being a quorum the meeting was called to order at 7:00P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was a motion to approve the minutes for April 17, 2008 by Tony Bilyj and seconded by Don Jiskra. The vote was unanimous.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

Comcast is no longer required to provide utilization reports, which resulted in the changes to the telecommunications act when AT&T was granted permission to provide subscription services.

Communications from Comcast regarding channel line-ups and price adjustments were reviewed.

OTHER BUSINESS/UPDATES

Valerie Brugman, Director of External Affairs for AT&T attended the meeting to update the commission on their new services. She reported that AT&T has been working to upgrade their infrastructure so that they can now provide phone, internet (DSL) and U-Verse (video programming). She indicated that Darien was one of the first communities to express their interest in their new "cable" service, even before the new telecommunications law was passed.

She reported that Darien has 11 sites (V-Red cabinets) which assist to provide AT&T services to Darien residents. These cabinets are fed into a Cross Box (large green cabinet) which is connected to their central office located in Hinsdale. This new service is available to 94% of Darien residents.

U-Verse began this year and is required to serve 30% of customers in the state. In addition, AT & T will also be providing a PEG Channel 99 that will include up to 200 communities. They will provide a 5% franchise fee and a 1% PEG gross revenue to support PEG Programming. Mrs. Brugman indicated that AT & T's rate in comparison to Comcast cable rates were very competitive and can be reviewed in more detail at www.ATT.com.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Communications Commission meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Joe Schmitz and seconded by Steve Kowynia to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Furman