



GREATER WEST BLOOMFIELD CABLE COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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MINUTES

July 12, 2018

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Harvey Gersin, at 7:30PM at West Bloomfield Town Hall.

2. Roll Call

Members Present:

Representing Keego Harbor: Ronnie Dahl, Michael Grogan
Representing Orchard Lake: Anne Dziuba, Dan Krause
Representing Sylvan Lake: Sharon Miller
Representing West Bloomfield: Harvey Gersin, Nada Jamoua, Suzanne Levine,
Deborah Macon, Jonathan Warshay

Members Absent:

Representing Sylvan Lake: Matthew Benavides
Representing West Bloomfield: Mark Kowalsky

Others in Attendance:

David Albery (Executive Director, GWBCCC)

The Executive Director stated that Mr. Benavides and Mr. Kowalsky had communicated their inability to attend the meeting. He added that material in addition to that delivered earlier in the week had been provided for commissioners at the dais.

3. Approval of Agenda

The Chairperson that Item #5 on the agenda should read "Approval of Minutes – June 14, 2018".

Motion by Mr. Warshay, support from Mr. Krause:

"That the Greater West Bloomfield Cable Communications Commission approve the agenda as revised for the July 12, 2018 meeting."

Voting YES: Dahl, Dziuba, Gersin, Grogan, Jamoua, Krause, Levine, Macon, Miller, Warshay

Voting NO:

The motion carried.

4. Public Comment

The Chairperson stated that residents are provided an opportunity to address the Commission regarding cable-related issues at the beginning and the end of each meeting. Those unable to attend should contact the Commission at gwbcable.org.

No member of the public rose to address the Commission.

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Miller, support from Ms. Levine:

“That the Minutes of the June 14, 2018 meeting be approved as presented.”

Voting YES: Dahl, Dziuba, Gersin, Grogan, Jamoua, Krause, Levine, Macon, Miller, Warshay

Voting NO:

The motion carried.

6. Acceptance of Financial Report

The report was summarized by Mr. Grogan, the Commission’s Treasurer.

Motion by Mr. Warshay, support from Mr. Krause:

“That the Financial Report be accepted.”

Voting YES: Dahl, Dziuba, Gersin, Grogan, Jamoua, Krause, Levine, Macon, Miller, Warshay

Voting NO:

The motion carried.

7. Committee Reports

The Chairperson stated that this portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for committees to report to the Commission.

Report of the Community Programming Committee

Commissioners were provided a written report which was summarized by Mrs. Dziuba, the committee chairperson.

Report of the Commission Operations and Strategic Planning Committee

Commissioners were provided a written report which was presented, in the absence of committee chairperson Mr. Kowalsky, by Ms. Miller, the vice-chairperson. The Chairperson stressed the importance of having a brief bio for each member on the Commission web site.

Motion by Mr. Warshay, support from Ms. Jamoua:

“That the Greater West Bloomfield Cable Communications Commission accept the reports of the Community Programming and Commission Operations and Strategic Planning committees.”

Voting YES: Dahl, Dziuba, Gersin, Grogan, Jamoua, Krause, Levine, Macon, Miller, Warshay
Voting NO:

The motion carried.

8. Executive Director's Report

Civic Center TV

Commissioners were provided a report of programming produced for Civic Center TV in June.

Cable Operators

No communication was received.

GWBCCC Directory

Members were provided an updated directory of Commission membership, contractors, and committee assignments.

GWBCCC Bylaws

The Executive Director summarized and explained each article of the bylaws and asked that any commissioners with suggestions for revision of the document provide those for consideration by the Commission Operations and Strategic Planning Committee at its August 20 meeting.

January – June Report to the Four Communities

Members were provided copies of the report provided to Keego Harbor, Orchard Lake, Sylvan Lake, and West Bloomfield.

Cable Industry News

Moody's Investor Service has reported that the rate of cable operators' loss of video subscribers and increase in broadband subscribers has slowed down.

Thirty percent of pay TV subscribers would like to cut the cord but are unaware of the amount of live sports and other programming available through streaming services. Eighty percent say that cost would be the primary reason to drop their pay TV service.

Communication

Commissioners were provided copies of letters from its contractors requesting renewal of their agreements for 2019, with any possible revisions to be discussed by the parties.

Commission Assistance to Residents

The Commission worked with West Bloomfield Township Code Enforcement regarding the replacement of damaged AT&T infrastructure at the corner of Maple and Wyndham Boulevard.

The Commission responded to an inquiry communicated through the web site regarding data limits for Comcast internet service, informing the resident that local communities have no jurisdiction over broadband and that concerns should be communicated to the Federal Communications Commission and the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Preview

The Executive Director presented his agenda for the time period between this meeting and the next.

Mrs. Macon stated that she is delighted that the Commission Operations and Strategic Planning Committee will be discussing the bylaws. In response to her question regarding the posting of the Commission's semi-annual reports to the communities, the Executive Director stated that they are included on the web site. She added that Commission assistance to residents could be a part of the site's FAQ page.

Mrs. Macon also mentioned a recent "Consumer Reports" article on cord-cutting.

9. Unfinished Business

No items of Unfinished Business were presented.

10. New Business

August GWBCC Meeting

The Chairperson stated that at its July meeting each year, the Commission considers whether to meet in August and added that the Commission has canceled the August meeting in four of the last five years. He also stated that there will be two major committee recommendations for Commission consideration in September.

Motion by Mr. Gersin, support from Mr. Warshay:

“That the Greater West Bloomfield Cable Communications Commission cancel its scheduled August 9, 2018 meeting.”

Voting YES: Dahl, Dziuba, Gersin, Grogan, Jamoua, Krause, Levine, Macon, Miller, Warshay

Voting NO:

The motion carried.

11. Public Comment

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No member of the public rose to address the Commission.

12. Commissioner Comments

Mr. Krause stated that the “Maker Faire” is held each year on the last weekend in July at The Henry Ford in Dearborn.

Mr. Warshay stated that West Bloomfield Township Board decided in 2017 to move from quarterly to semi-annual reports. He also stated that in the process of upgrading his AT&T internet service recently, he found that if more than one subscriber living within in close proximity has upgraded, some exterior wiring modification may be necessary.

Mrs. Macon mentioned “Comedy for a Cause”, a benefit event for the West Bloomfield Police Foundation, to be held on Thursday, October 4, at the Berman Center.

Ms. Dahl commended the Keego Harbor Police Department for its efforts to promote boating safety in the city.

The Chairperson urged Commissioners and those viewing the meeting to check out the 100th episode of “The Splash” at civiccentertv.com.

Mrs. Dziuba mentioned the Walk for Friendship on Sunday, September 2.

Mrs. Macon and the Executive Director reminded commissioners of the Orchard Lake Fine Art Show on Saturday, July 27 and Sunday, July 28 and the Commission’s media presence at the show on Saturday morning.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 8:15PM.

The next meeting of the Greater West Bloomfield Cable Communications Commission is **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018**, at **7:30PM** at **WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWN HALL**, 4550 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield, Michigan.