



GREATER WEST BLOOMFIELD CABLE COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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September 13, 2021

The Commission and its Commission Operations and Strategic Planning Committee met jointly at 6:30PM on September 13 via ZOOM teleconference. In attendance were Mark Kowalsky, the chairperson, Anne Dziuba, Harvey Gersin, Deborah Macon, and Phil Ross. Also in attendance was Commission Executive Director Dave Albery. Not in attendance were Commissioners Jamoua, Krause, Levine, and Warshay.

Mr. Albery presented the report of the ad-hoc group (Attisha, Macon, Albery) working on the Commission's strategic plan for 2022 through 2025. The document outlines the Commission's vision, mission, beliefs, and four goals, each goal including a goal statement and three objectives to be implemented next year. Mrs. Dziuba made several suggestions regarding revision of the objectives in the programming area. Mr. Albery stated that the revised content would be presented to the committee at its October 4 meeting in a more visually appealing form used by many school districts.

Mr. Gersin stated that it has been difficult to schedule commissioners representing West Bloomfield to present the weekly update at Township Board meetings. Discussion focused on how to proceed going forward, and committee members agreed to ask Mr. Warshay to present the update once a month unless other commissioners indicate their desire to do so. Mr. Albery added that Ms. Attisha, Mrs. Dziuba, Mr. Krause, and Mr. Ross have been presenting the update on a regular basis to the three city councils.

Members discussed the fact that there was no mention of the Cable Commission at the Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society event on September 12.

Mr. Albery presented a revision of the Commission's "Guidance for the Conduct of Commission and Committee Meetings" based on discussion at the August 2 committee meeting, specifically regarding the opportunity for residents to make presentations to the Commission or a committee outside the parameters of public comment. Members suggested revision of the language, and Mrs. Macon stated that adding this opportunity to the Commission's guidance models open and transparent government.

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

"That the Commission Operations and Strategic Planning Committee recommend that the Greater West Bloomfield Cable Communications Commission approve the amendment of its 'Guidance for Conduct of Commission and Committee Meetings' as presented by the committee."

Voting YES: Dziuba, Gersin, Kowalsky, Macon

Voting NO:

The motion carried.

Mrs. Dziuba cited the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act regarding public comment, and Mrs. Macon noted that those provisions do not allow demeaning comments.

Mrs. Macon suggested that the Commission should develop a policy regarding diversity, inclusion, and equity, and Mr. Kowalsky asked if the West Bloomfield Township policy could be adopted. Members agreed to review the Township policy at a future meeting.