



GREATER WEST BLOOMFIELD CABLE COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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MINUTES

May 11, 2023

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Jennifer Taylor Boykins, at 7:02PM at West Bloomfield Town Hall.

2. Roll Call

Members Present

Representing Orchard Lake:

Anne Dziuba

Kevin Kroger

Representing Sylvan Lake:

Pat Riney

Phil Ross

Representing West Bloomfield:

Jennifer Boykins

Stuart Dorf

Harvey Gersin

Suzanne Levine

Deborah Macon (arrived at 7:09PM)

Members Absent

Representing West Bloomfield:

Mark Kowalsky

Others in Attendance

David Albery (Executive Director, GWBCCC)

The Executive Director stated that Mr. Kowalsky had communicated his inability to attend this meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Kroger, support from Mr. Riney:

“That the Greater West Bloomfield Cable Communications Commission approve the agenda as provided for the May 11, 2023 meeting.”

Voting YES: Boykins, Dorf, Dziuba, Gersin, Kroger, Levine, Riney, Ross
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.

6. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Dorf, support from Mr. Kroger:

“That the Minutes of the April 13, 2023 meeting be approved as presented.”

Voting YES: Boykins, Dorf, Dziuba, Gersin, Kroger, Levine, Riney, Ross
Voting NO:

The motion carried.

7. Acceptance of Financial Report

The report for January through April 2023 was summarized by the Executive Director.

Motion by Mr. Ross, support from Ms. Levine:

“That the Financial Report be accepted.”

Voting YES: Boykins, Dorf, Dziuba, Gersin, Kroger, Levine, Riney, Ross
Voting NO:

The motion carried.

8. Committee Reports

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

Report of the Executive Committee

Commissioners were provided a written report which was summarized by Ms. Boykins, the committee chairperson. She added that the committee is requesting responses from all commissioners regarding the scheduling of the August Commission meeting.

Report of the Commission Operations and Strategic Planning Committee

Commissioners were provided a written report which was presented by Mr. Riney, the committee vice-chairperson.

Mrs. Macon arrived at 7:09PM.

Report of the Community Programming Committee

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

Strategic Plan Implementation 2023

Commissioners were provided a written update regarding implementation of the Commission's strategic plan.

Motion by Mr. Gersin, support from Ms. Levine:

“That the Greater West Bloomfield Cable Communications Commission accept the reports of the Executive, Commission Operations and Strategic Planning, and Community Programming committees as well as the strategic plan implementation update.”

Voting YES: Boykins, Dorf, Dziuba, Gersin, Kroger, Levine, Macon, Riney, Ross

Voting NO:

The motion carried.

5. Presentation – 21-Day Equity Challenge sponsored by United Way of Southeastern Michigan (Commissioner Deborah Macon)

Mrs. Macon addressed the Commission regarding the 21-Day Equity Challenge, focusing on each commissioner's opportunity to participate and the Commission's past activities in the area of diversity, equity, and inclusion. She stated that the Challenge is focused on southeast Michigan and provided a PowerPoint presentation with an example of daily activities. She emphasized the benefits of participation to each commissioner, to the Commission as a whole, and to the Greater West Bloomfield community.

9. Executive Director's Report

Civic Center TV/Lakes FM

Commissioners were provided a written report of programming cablecast on Civic Center TV in the first three weeks of April.

Cable Operators

No information was provided by Comcast or AT&T.

Cable Industry News

As viewers move away from traditional pay TV and toward streaming services, Comcast lost 12.1 percent of its cable subscribers in the last year, and Dish Network lost 11.2 percent.

Communication

No communication was received.

Commission Assistance to Residents

The Commission is working with an Orchard Lake resident who reported damage to his lawn from a truck operated by a Comcast subcontractor.

The Commission submitted to Comcast a report from a West Bloomfield resident regarding a tree leaning on aerial cable on Walnut Lake Road.

The Commission is working with West Bloomfield to bring to the attention of AT&T several infrastructure problems throughout the Township.

Preview

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

10. Unfinished Business

No items of Unfinished Business were presented.

11. New Business

No items of New Business were presented.

12. Commissioner Comments

Ms. Levine invited commissioners and those viewing the meeting to the Health and Wellness Fair at Town Hall on June 14.

Ms. Macon mentioned the Greater West Bloomfield Michigan Week Community Awards Breakfast on May 12 and the role of the Commission and Michigan Digital as primary sponsors.

She also noted the United States Postal Service food drive on May 13 and multiple community events on Memorial Day.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 7:38.

The next meeting of the Greater West Bloomfield Cable Communications Commission is **THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023, at 7:00PM** at **WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWN HALL**, 4550 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield, Michigan.