



GREATER WEST BLOOMFIELD CABLE COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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April 17, 2024 (JOINT MEETING)

The Commission and its Finance Committee met jointly at 6:30PM on April 17 at Green Media Center. In attendance were Phil Ross, the chairperson, Jennifer Boykins, Stuart Dorf, Harvey Gersin, and Joel Ross. Also in attendance were Commissioner Anne Dziuba, Civic Center TV/Lakes FM General Manager Dave Scott, and Commission Executive Director Dave Alberty. Not in attendance were Commissioners Dahl, Kowalsky, Levine, Macon, and Riney.

The committee reviewed Cable Commission expenditures through March 2024.

Members reviewed the draft 2025 Cable Commission budget and agreed that the document should be provided to the Commission Operations and Strategic Planning Committee and the Community Programming Committee for review and comments.

Mr. Dorf stated that the Commission will need to secure professional services in order to complete the submission to the IRS to achieve 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.

Mr. Ross stated that he and Ms. Boykins, along with the Executive Director, had met with Attorney Sara Allen regarding the Commission's intention to create a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization and that while the process is not her specialty, she would be willing to assist the Commission in that effort, with the understanding that the starting point is a clear vision of what the Commission is trying to accomplish and what the purpose of the organization will be. Committee discussion focused on two types of non-profits, one to support the Commission, the other to operate its programming resources, and how the organization "Friends of the West Bloomfield Township Public Library" functions.

Mr. Alberty stated that he had met with Township Attorney Nancy Cooper Green of Secrest, Wardle, that he had asked whether the firm could assist the Commission in this project, and that she had communicated that the process is complicated.

Committee members agreed that Phil Ross and Mr. Alberty should schedule meetings with Orion Neighborhood Television and the Friends of the West Bloomfield Township Public Library, those meetings to be posted as Commission meetings in order that all commissioners have the option to attend. Phil Ross stated that the next meeting of this committee will be a re-scheduling of the May 28 regular meeting and will occur between April 30 and May 15.