

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
COUNCIL

SUMMATION OF MINUTES
TUESDAY JUNE 3, 2008

I. **Introduction and Comments**

Members present:

Carl Zager

Suzann Owen

Duane Busick

Eric Ost came in after roll call

Jesse Strycker came in after roll call

Others present:

Justin Goodwin

Michael White

Rick Dietz

Phil Meyer

Public:

II. **Approval of Minutes**

Busick motioned for approval of 5-13-08 minutes. Owen seconded. Minutes approved. 3-0-2.

Old Business

Owen asked Dietz about the status of the TCC Charter and if anything had taken place regarding this. Dietz stated that the status has not changed. Owen asked Dietz to please keep the TCC updated.

IV. **Public Comment**

No one from the public was present.

Reports and Announcements

A.) BTC Members

Owen stated that there is not a lot of activity at the national level regarding franchises and the change over to digital in February 2009. Ost stated that the city of Indianapolis does not appear to be as concerned with the issues with AT&T that the TCC are, it seems as though they do not want to rock the boat.

B.) CATS

The report is in the official record.

White presented the monthly report to the council.

Busick asked White about the donated programs. White stated that on Channel 7 many people have shows that are made by local residents and are played back only on the public channel. CATS enjoys the public giving their productions for airing on their channels.

White stated that he sends a copy of their report to AT&T and Comcast.

C.) WTIU/TIU2

The report is in the official record.

Phil Meyer presented the report to the council.

Meyer stated that the Annenberg Channel will be ceasing to air their programs on TIU2 and will go to online programming only. This will allow the ability to go from three to four digital channels. PBS World, a news channel, and Create will now be on Channel 17 and each of them will be on twelve hours a day, respectively. Strycker asked if this meant less student programming. Meyer stated that it actually meant there would be more student contributions.

Meyer stated that the TCC are the only entity that he sent the WTIU/WTIU2 report to but would gladly send it to other entities.

D.) Bloomington Digital Underground

Dietz wanted to make the TCC and the public aware of the launch of the new City of Bloomington website. Dietz stated the new site is much more informative for viewers. Dietz wanted to commend his staff for all of their work on the new website.

E.) Comcast

No one from Comcast was present.

Ost stated that customer service, through Comcast, is still less than par.

Owen stated that Comcast has plans to discontinue its connection with WTTS Centralized Alert System. Owen asked Zager to explain the affect it was going to have. Zager stated that essentially there will still be a relationship there but Comcast is looking at changing their position in the notification tree for emergency alerts. Zager stated he was not sure where the initiative was coming from at this time. Zager stated, regarding PEG Channels, that he did not think that Comcast knew the importance of the governmental channels to the residents of Bloomington. Ost stated that has been told that they do not have the staff to provide services and that an individual would have to sue their video service provider in order to get the importance of the channels across.

F.) AT&T

No one from AT&T was present.

III. **Old Business**

IV. **New Business**

V. **Adjournment**

The next official meeting of the Telecommunications Council is set for Tuesday June 3, 2008 at 7:30 in the City Council Chambers