

**City of Bloomington
Telecommunication Council
Business Meeting – August 4th, 2009**

Common Council Chambers
City Hall at the Showers Building
401 N. Morton St.

I. Members Present: Suzann Owen, Eric Ost, Duanne Busick
Others in Attendance: Spence Taylor – ITS, Michael White – CATS

** Meeting began with a report from CATS: Michael White, due to there not being a quorum of members present.*

IV. Reports

2. CATS – Michael White

- Listed monthly programming
- City Council did come thru to fund CATS for 2010, at the 50% franchise level.
- Ellettsville Town Council is struggling and as of right now has decided not to fund CATS for 2010. This puts into jeopardy the coverage they receive for the town council meetings and the RBB School Board meetings. Just to note the decision on whether to continue coverage of these meetings, would be up to the library administrators, Michael White and the council.

Eric – Are they aware of the franchise fees that they could possibly receive from other video service providers? These meetings are so important. It is unfiltered coverage of the meetings that you can not get anywhere else.

Suzann – This is the Town of Ellettsville Corporate limits. It is difficult to make the distinction between where the lines are drawn. The need to see these meetings does extend beyond these lines.

Duane – Have you created a value received report to give to the Ellettsville Council? By putting these on paper, it would help them to know what value they are receiving for the 50% of funding. It would also make them aware of what the possible repercussions might be.

Michael – CATS did receive 2 hometown awards that are given nationally.

1. Martin O’Neil for Cinderella
2. Raw Shorts Live

- Salute to Lennon Beasley, for producing over 400 programs.

**** Return to stated agenda, due other members being present for a quorum.**

II. Approval of June and July Minutes

Eric - I recommend that we defer the approval of June and July minutes until September when all members are present. All members approved.

III. Public Comment

Blake Johnson - IU Student

He is taking a class V146 Interpersonal Relations in the Workplace. His assignment is to attend a public meeting, and discuss what goes on. He was from Salem, Indiana.

Suzann – Explained what the purpose of the telecommunications council is, and the role the council has within the community.

IV. Reports

1. Telecom Members

Duane – None

Suzann – Changes in the personal at the FCC

- 3 members have been appointed
1. Chair – Julies Genachowski
 2. Meredith Attwell Baker
 3. Mignon Clyburn

Hold over members are

1. Michael Copps
2. Robert McDowell

FCC – They do not just deal with Television, and broadband, but we will see in the future less attention placed on, video services, and a greater attention put on broadband.

At the State level, we have the IURC (the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission)

The governor appoints these commissioners, which are:

1. David Hardy, Chairman
2. Larry Landis
3. David Ziegner
4. Jeffrey Golc
5. Jim Atterholt

You can visit the IURC website. This is the agency you can visit if you have a complaint about your video service provider.

I mention all this just so people know there are routes to appeal if you have an issue.

Eric – No report

3. **WTIU – Phil Meyer** – No Report
4. **ITS Dept. – Rick Dietz** – No Report
5. **Comcast and AT&T** – No Report

Public Comment:

Lennon Beasley – Senior Legend of Community Access Television Producer

- * has produced over 400 programs
- * goal is produce over 1000 before his 30th birthday
- * Productions include: Music Town, Dream-lover, and Lennon Beasley's Drum Show
- * He follows a free format, and uses his own equipment.

V. Old Business

1. Reports to City Council

Suzann – We do not have the report from CATS to add to our report. So if could make sure we have that next month, in order to get this completed.

2. Comcast, EAS, Local Emergency Overrides

No Report

3. PEG Channels

Suzann – Michael have you heard anything from our most recent video service provider?

Michael – No!

Duane – Smithville is ready to go?

Michael – We have met with them and they will carry the PEG channels. They were even willing to give us a much larger band-width, where AT& T was pushing everything together.

Eric – Are they running them right now?

Michael – Not that I know of.

4. Telecommunications Council Charter

VI. New Business

VII. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 1st, 2009 at 7:30

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