

**Telecommunications Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Feb. 4, 2009 Meeting**

**Members Present**

Cory Scott, chair  
Jim Downing (new member)  
Julianne Nery  
Timothy O'Brien

**Others present**

Trustee John Hedges, Village Board liaison  
David Powers, Village staff liaison

Chairman Cory Scott called the meeting to order at approximately 7 p.m., and introduced new Commissioner Jim Downing.

Chairman Scott asked to take a few moments to review the minutes from the Dec. 8, 2008 meeting. He then made a motion to change the way minutes were kept, reducing them to focus more on the actions of the Commission, rather than being transcripts of the discussions. The motion was approved 4 - 0.

Chairman Scott raised the issue of the Comcast franchise renewal, reminding the Commission that questions provided to the Village Attorney had not yet been answered, which was causing a delay in preparing recommendations as requested by the Village Board.

Chairman Scott updated the commission on the official adoption by the Village Board of recent recommendations from the Commission. The board, at this last regular meeting, had adopted a resolution directing the Village Attorney to draft an ordinance to govern the installation, maintenance and decommission of above ground service facilities, such as the video-ready access devices (VRADS) installed by AT&T for its Uverse video service. The Village Board also referred to the Transportation Commission for review a list of VRADs identified by the Telecommunications Commission as posing possible safety issues.

The Commission agreed by consensus to research other ordinances regarding the placement of utility boxes that might be useful to the Village Attorney in drafting the new ordinance. Chairman Scott said once the information is completed Attorney Heise could be invited to a working session of the Telecommunications Commission to discuss the ordinance he had been directed by the Board to prepare.

Discussion moved to AT&T's channel placement of public access, education access and government access (PEG). Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan has become involved in efforts to bring AT&T into compliance with state law that requires equal treatment for PEG and commercial channels.

Commissioner Timothy O'Brien made a motion to recommend that the Village Board pass a resolution in support of the Attorney General's efforts. The motion was approved 4 - 0.

Commissioner Downing was tasked with preparing a draft resolution for review at the next Telecommunications Commission meeting.

Discussion returned to the status of the Comcast renewal, specifically as it related to the questions that had been sent to the Village Attorney.

Chairman Scott said he would contact Attorney Heise to determine the status of the questions, as well as reiterate the issue of sending Comcast a letter of non-compliance in relations to the poor signal quality of VOP-TV.

The Commission asked staff liaison David Powers to update information in the next OP/FYI to include AT&T in an item about filing cable complaints with the Village.

Chairman Scott called for a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Julianne Nery made a motion to adjourn. The motion was passed 4 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

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