

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Telecommunications Commission
Held at 7 p.m., Wed., March 10, 2010 in Room 215 of Oak Park Village Hall

Official Record

Present: Chairman Cory Scott
Commissioner Julie Nery
Commissioner John Shuler
Trustee Liaison John Hedges
Village Attorney Ray Heise
Staff Liaison David Powers

Absent: Commissioner Jim Downing

Quorum: Chairman Scott called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and declared that a quorum was present.

Chairman's Opening Statement

Chairman Scott opened the meeting. He noted that an opening on the Commission had been created by the resignation of recent appointee Ron Morrison. The Village Clerk had been notified, as had the chair of the Citizens Involvement Commission.

Public Comment

Chairman Scott opened the floor for public comment. None was given.

Agenda

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. A voice vote was taken and the agenda was approved.

Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Feb. 3, 2010 meetings be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Administrative Reports

Liaison Powers informed the Commission that he had been contacted by Comcast Government Affairs Manager Noreen M. Liginoi-Kubinski and asked to arrange a meeting with those Village officials who would be involved in franchise agreement negotiations. She and Comcast Director of Government Affairs Daniel T. Maloney wished to present the company's "new" model franchise agreement, which she said had been endorsed by the Metropolitan Mayors' Caucus. A copy of the agreement was requested by Powers prior to determining if a meeting was appropriate.

Liaison Powers noted that no Comcast complaints were received in February.

Regular Agenda

Old Business

Chairman Scott introduced Village Attorney Ray Heise who provided an update on the status of the needs assessment and audit requests for proposals. Attorney Heise said he still was awaiting an estimate from legal counsel Moss & Barnett on their costs to help manage the projects. As soon as that estimate was provided by Moss & Barnett, Attorney Heise said he would schedule a meeting with the Village Manager to discuss the additional funds beyond those budgeted for 2010 that would be required to complete the projects.

Attorney Heise also said he hoped to complete a draft of the aboveground ordinance in April, since the Village Board would be taking the month off.

Chairman Scott asked Attorney Heise about the outcome of funding from AT&T for landscaping of the video-ready access devices (VRADs). Attorney Heise said he believed the agreement was for a single lump sum payment. Liaison Powers said he would confirm.

New Business

Chairman Scott informed the commission that he would be resigning as chair as soon as a replacement could be selected. He said he would remain on the commission, however.

Trustee John Hedges alerted the commission to a citizen suggestion to cover the various utility boxes around the community with public art. Chairman Scott said he thought the utility companies might have concerns with such an effort. He said beyond any objections the utility companies might raise, he would view such a project as the purview of the Community Design Commission, rather than the Telecommunications Commission.

Adjourn

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m., Wed., March 10, 2010.

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