

COLUMBUS CABLE COMMISSION MEETING
COLUMBUS CITY HALL

March 14, 2018 6:00 p.m. 2nd Ward Room, City Hall

Chairman Theilen called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Members present: Jason Theilen, Andy Traxler, Peter Kaland and Michael Thom.

Absent: Chet Bembenek (excused).

Also in attendance: Jesse Wilson and JT Cestkowski.

It was reported that the City Clerk's office, as required by appropriate Wisconsin Statutes, had given proper public notice of the meeting.

Motion by Kaland, second by Traxler to approve minutes of February 21. Motion carried.

Motion by Kaland, second by Traxler to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

No citizens were present to make comment.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Consider Adding Internet Access to the Pavilion:** Wilson reported that he reached out to Charter and was setting up a date to do a walkthrough of the facilities with a representative to determine the cost of running needed lines. Wilson will continue to report back.
- 2. Streaming Additional Committee/Commission/Board Meetings:** Cestkowski asked the Commission if he should draft a letter to send to the heads of the various city affiliated groups expressing the Cable Commission's desire to have more meetings broadcast on the Cable Channel.

Wilson said the letter should also include a request for updates of progress from a group should they elect not to be broadcast that may be placed on channel 980. Kaland said briefings from committees, commissions and boards could be just as valuable as broadcasting meetings in their entirety.

The Commission spoke in favor of sending a letter.

- 3. ADA Compliance of Channel 980:** Cestkowski shared a letter he and Mayor Thom received from City Attorney Paul Johnson advising the Commission that it was liable to be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and any similar legislation regardless of whether or not a recommendation had been received. On the issue as to whether Columbus should participate in the review being organized by the League of Municipalities and Wisconsin Community Media, Johnson was vague.

Kaland said this might be a solution looking for a problem as he could not remember ever getting a complaint about the ADA compliance of channel 980.

Thom wasn't sure what was to be gained if the recommendations were beyond the Commission's means. He asked if the recommendations would be specific to Columbus or a general set of guidelines.

Wilson was doubtful that Columbus had much to comply with, but noted that the letter he received from Wisconsin Community Media said the Commission would get a tailored set of recommendations based on budget and means. In light of the information, the Commission was in favor of paying for the recommendation.

Motion by Traxler, second by Theilen, to pay the \$1,000.00 necessary for participation in the Wisconsin Community Media ADA compliance review provided that WCM's lawyer give the tailored set of recommendations they promised.

Wilson sent an email to his contact at Wisconsin Community Media informing them of the Commission's approval. A response was received later in the meeting stating that Columbus was the 22nd community to participate, meaning the lawyer would be hired.

- 4. Policy Review:** Kaland stated that he found two policies in his personal records. The first was a set from 2009 that was adopted, but now out of date because it made reference to technology no longer in use.

The second was a draft from 2015 of an attempt to update the 2009 policy. That draft was tabled in August 2016.

Cestkowski and Wilson provided the Commissioners with copies of both documents, and Cestkowski said he would build on the 2015 version his recommendations for Cable Commission policy.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Rotary Candidate Forums:** Thom brought this forward to be consistent with the previous meeting's discussions of the Judicial Candidate Forum.

There was discussion of also charging the Rotary \$50 for use of City contractors and equipment. Kaland said this has always been free of charge, and the Commission agreed the Rotary has done enough for the community to waive any fees otherwise assessed.

- 2. Wisconsin Community Media Membership:** Wilson said that Wisconsin Community Media was a group that promoted a lot of resource and program sharing.

Thom asked if the group gave legislative updates or did "legislative days." Wilson said they did both.

Motion by Kaland, second by Theilen, to approve \$205.00 for membership in Wisconsin Community Media.

3. **Staff Reports & Updates:** There were no staff reports this month.
4. **2018 Cable Programing, Issues and Plans:** Staff said there were no issues. Wilson said he was satisfied with the new teleprompter, and was looking for guest host for all upcoming episodes of 980 News.

Next scheduled meeting – March 14, 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Adjournment: Motion by Kaland, second by Traxler to adjourn at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

JT Cestkowski, Secretary