

**City of Lincoln
Telecommunications/Cable Television Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes – July 24, 2014**

Members Present: Paul Barnett, Steve Eggland, Ed Hoffman, Linda Jewson, Jim Johnson, Laurie Thomas Lee

City Staff: Diane Gonzolas, Steve Huggenberger, Jamie Wenz, David Young

Representatives of Time Warner Cable (TWC): Jarad Falk, Bill Austin (attorney appearing on behalf of TWC)

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by chair Ed Hoffman. Hoffman made note of the copy of the Open Meetings Act at the back of the room. Board members and guests introduced themselves.

Minutes

Minutes from the April 24 meeting were presented. There had been two misspellings of the name “Zygielbaum”; these were corrected. Barnett moved approval as amended, Jewson seconded; motion passed 6-0.

New Business

Performance evaluation of Time Warner Cable

We discussed a performance evaluation, to be based on Time Warner Cable responses to questions which had been submitted to them, as well as information obtained from the July 16 public hearing and other information available to the board. Items of particular interest included customer service complaints, cost of services, and changes such as the recent PEG channel lineup changes. After discussion, Hoffman appointed a committee to write a draft report; the draft will be presented to the full board at a special meeting on August 4. Committee members are Ed Hoffman, Art Zygielbaum, John Neal, and Laurie Thomas Lee.

Old Business

Update on cable franchise transfer request from Comcast

Huggenberger said that the City has three options. We can either approve a transfer, deny a transfer, or approve subject to conditions to be met by the franchisee. Huggenberger will draft something and have it ready by the August 4 special meeting of the Board.

Bill Austin requested permission to address the Board on behalf of Time Warner Cable and Comcast. He said that the franchise request is a separate issue from the performance evaluation, and that one should not place conditions on Comcast based on findings of the performance evaluation.

Time Warner Cable Report

Falk distributed copies of Tyler Hedrick’s Public Access Coordinator report.

City Report

Wenz distributed the PEG report.

Young reported on the coming launch of public Wi-Fi access in the Railyard; service will begin on August 9 as part of the City’s one-year celebration of the Railyard. Young hopes that the public will take advantage of this opportunity.

Public Comments

None.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Johnson, secretary