MINUTES
THE NEWBERG AREA CABLE COMMISSION
MONDAY, February 10, 1997
PROVIDENCE NEWBERG HOSPITAL
501 Villa Road
Newberg, Oregon 97132
7:00 P.M.

Members Present:

Jack Eichhorn	Jim Morrison	Peggy Hall	Harry Morter

Members Absent:

Juan Palacios	Mona Harper	MaryAnn Mitchell	Scott Headley

Others Present:

Katherine McEneaney (TCI)
Thomas Coulter (TCI)

City Representatives: Mayor Donna Proctor
Terrence D. Mahr, City Attorney

QUORUM OF MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

The Cable Communications Commission (Commission) met and discussed the direction of the Commission, how the funding may be handled in the upcoming negotiations and the effects of the Commission after the franchise agreement has been signed. There was a discussion on how the franchisee (TCI Cablevision of Oregon, Inc.) was not going to be financing the operation of the community access channel (Channel 9), but would provide capital funds.

I. Status of Membership.

Mr. Mahr reviewed the provisions of Ordinance No. 2464 of the City of Newberg which pertains to the Commission. Discussion was held concerning membership issues such as the lack of quorum at meetings and how the Commission could facilitate activity of the members appointed. Mr. Mahr noted that letters were sent to the various cities (Dundee, Dayton and Lafayette) requesting the appointment of members to the Commission.

Mr. Warren Koch, George Fox University Video Center, stated that he submitted his application to the City some time ago. Peggy Hall indicated that she would contact the City Manager's Office concerning the status of Mr. Koch's application. Mr. Koch stated that he was interested in service on the Commission, but had a few questions or concerns about the way the Commission transacts business. Mr. Morrison stated that things have been placed on hold pending a quorum of the Commission members to attend the meetings. Mr. Koch and members of the Commission addressed the following concerns: goals, community access programming, franchise renewal, assessment of direction, purpose, school involvement, linking Newberg's system with McMinnville, future planning and growth of local access, generating revenues, non-profit status, telecommunications and linkage with Internet services.

Ms. Katherine McEneaney, System Manager, TCI, stated that TCI would not be providing funding for the operation of the local access studio/channel, but would provide capital to fund the equipment, etc. Ms. McEneaney further stated that TCI would be following a different approach than what is being done now. The cities would provide the location and personnel for the studio. This amount would be in addition to the amount the City received in its franchise fees.

Discussion was held concerning creating a non-profit corporation for the local access channel/programming.

II. Approval of Minutes from January 13, 1997 Meeting

A quorum was not present. The minutes will be presented at the next meeting scheduled in March, 1997.

III. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

ADOPTED by the Cable Communications Commission this 11th day of March, 1997.

Jim Morrison

Jim Morrison, Chairman

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS:
March ___, 1997 - Providence Newberg Hospital