

MINUTES
THE NEWBERG AREA CABLE COMMISSION
TUESDAY, March 11, 1997
PROVIDENCE NEWBERG HOSPITAL
501 Villa Road
Newberg, Oregon 97132
7:00 P.M.

Members Present:

Jim Morrison, Chairman
Mona Harper
Harry Morter

Jack Eichhorn
Scott Headley

Members Absent:

Warren Koch
Juan Palacios (Dayton Representative)

MaryAnn Mitchell (Lafayette Representative)

Others Present:

Terrence D. Mahr, City Attorney
Katherine McEneaney, TCI
Thomas Coulter, TCI

Vacant Position:

Mayor's appointment

I. Status of Membership

- (a) City of Lafayette. The City of Lafayette has reported that they are seeking a new member since MaryAnn Mitchell is no longer with them.
- (b) City of Dayton. We have not received confirmation of appointment. Juan Palacios is still listed as a member.
- (c) City of Dundee. Ms. Mona Harper has indicated that she asking Dundee to seek a replacement because she was over-committed.
- (d) Mayor's Appointment. It was reported that the Mayor is considering an application received and she will report to the Commission upon her appointment.

II. Approval of Minutes from January 13, 1997 and February 10, 1997 Meetings

After some clarification and discussion of matters contained in the minutes, Jack Eichhorn

moved and Scott Headley seconded and the minutes were approved.

III. Continued Business

1. Programming

Mr. Thomas Coulter gave a report on the programming. He indicated the following breakdowns from last week:

72.5 hrs. local programs	77% local programming
<u>21.0 hrs.</u> non-local programs	22.5\$ non-local programming

93.5 hrs. On Air

Clarification: 53 hrs. are non-repeat of local programming. 7% was from McMinnville. Mr. Coulter reported that this is a 50% increase in local programming from this time last year.

2. Channel Updates (TCI)

Ms. McEneaney from TCI indicated that they have not rearranged the channels lately and did not know of any future arranging.

IV Franchise Renewal Update

Mr. Terry Mahr indicated that he had been talking with the City Attorney with the City of McMinnville, but there had not been a contract signed with the consultant as of yet. He indicated that he would report back to the Commission on the status of the contract and the Adhoc Committee would have reported by then as well.

V. Use of Community Access Funds

Discussion Topic: The Committee should discuss and give policy directions on to use the \$5,000.00 per year as community access money. Previously, the money was spent video taping the Newberg City Council, Planning Commission, Newberg School District and Park and Recreational District. It is hoped that this Committee will make a policy decision which then can be put into a written form. At this time, no video taping of the meetings are taking place, however, programming filming is done for the Newberg City events. It is my understanding that this is not continuing to be done for the School District or the Parks and Recreation. (See attachments produced by Thomas Coulter.)

There has been some requests that filming "gavel to gavel" of the City Council be continued. At the present time, the City of Newberg, the Newberg School District, nor Chehalem Park & Recreation District, have been willing to participate in the costs. The Commission is discussing it.

Mr. Jim Morrison, Chairman, presented two letters that he had received concerning this subject. One was from Warren Koch which he read and it became part of the record. The other one was from Lisa Thomas which indicated that it was important that the City Council be filmed and wished the City to consider this.

After some discussion concerning the change that is to come in community access and how the \$5,000 would not be available in the future, it was decided that any policy now would merely be an

interim policy. It was further indicated that it was important to conserve resources in order for the Commission to have some money available to establish the community access non-profit channel. Further, it was discussed that it would be necessary to approach the various City Councils to receive some of their franchise fees.

MOTION: Headley/Eichhorn: Until a policy is developed, the Cable Commission will not reinstitute or begin again, taping of community events at Cable Commission expense would be discontinued. This would include program taping which Creative Imagery is now doing. Video tapes would still be available for taping events. (Unanimous). Motion carried.

VI. Budgetary Issues

Discussion was held that the City Council needed to be made aware that the Cable Commission would need more money in order to function in the future. This might very well come from the franchise fees. The invoices and accounting were presented to the Commission. No questions were asked or raised concerning the accounting. The Creative Imagery invoice was included in the Commission's packet and no questions were made as to the payment of the bill.

Mr. Scott Headley volunteered to assist with the Commission's budget. He indicated that he would meet with staff to look over those figures.

VII. Set Dates and Times of Future Meetings

1. Possibly change meetings from Mondays to Tuesdays?

This was discussed earlier in the meeting and Tuesday was the settled time. However, with the new members, it was determined that phone calls would be made and receive further input. The location of the meeting may change other than the Hospital.

VIII. New Business:

1. Live Studio Policies (Thomas Coulter - see handout)

Mr. Thomas Coulter reviewed the live studio handout. It was approved by the Commission. It was a motion of the Commission that they approve the policy set out by the Studio Manager (Thomas Coulter) and further gave him the authority to alter or change the policies as he sees fit in order for smooth operation of the studio.

2. Programming Policies (i.e. animal rights video tape - Brian Carlson, activist)
(Jim Morrison invited Mr. Carlson to attend to discuss video - presentation)

There was a lengthy discussion concerning a request to show an animal rights film which had a "dog skinning" on it. TCI who operates the studio did not wish to show the film. Mr. Carlson was invited to attend the meeting but was not present.

The Commission asked the City Attorney to look into some policies to bring back guidelines. In the meantime, since the studio was run by the TCI cable operator, they would leave the decision of what programming is to be shown. They gave no direction at this time. The Commission had

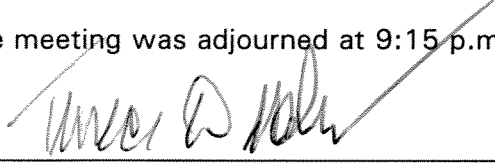
expressed that it wished local programming to have priority.

IX. The Stage Broadcast Productions

Stage Broadcast Productions was asked to make a presentation, but was not available. It was reported that Stage Broadcast Productions leases a station and sells time similar to a private television station.

X. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



Terrence D. Mahr, City Attorney