

Telecommunications Advisory Committee
City of Apple Valley
June 7, 2010
7:00 P.M. Municipal Center

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Westbrook called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Rollin Bible, Jerry Brown, Scott Hugstad-Vaa, John Magnusson,
Dale Rodell, David Westbrook

Members Absent:

Others Present: Charles Grawe, Tucker Carlson

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Mr. Brown moved, second by Mr. Hugstad-Vaa, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 6 – 0.

3. Approval Minutes of March 1, 2010

MOTION: Mr. Rodell moved, second by Mr. Brown, to approve the minutes of March 1, 2010. Motion passed 5 – 0. (Mr. Magnusson abstained)

4. 2nd Quarter Complaint Logs

Mr. Grawe distributed the 2nd Quarter Complaint Logs.

5. 2nd Quarter Coordinator's Report

Mr. Grawe briefly reviewed the staff activity. He noted that aging equipment will likely require significant replacement in the not-too-distant future. He also briefly discussed the Public Access user policies.

6. Charter Communications Issues

Mr. Carlson distributed information on a new two-year price guarantee program. He noted that Charter recently increased Internet modem speeds without passing through a price increase. Charter now offers a 60MB/ 5 MB product. Charter is now offering Ethernet over coaxial cable, which allows Charter to deliver higher speeds over the coaxial system without the need for fiber. Charter is in the process of making the digital transition by system. Charter is reconsidering if the DTA boxes which don't communicate back to the system are the right answer for the future. Another option is a switch digital product which uses the continuous feed of only the most popular channels

and other channels are handled similar to on-demand services. Charter is also exploring Wi-Max and Wi-Fi services in some areas.

7. FCC Rulemaking and Other Franchise Issues

Mr. Grawe reported no new major rulemaking.

8. E-Commerce and Business Development Issues

Mr. Grawe reported no new issues.

9. Clearwire Wi-Max Update

Mr. Grawe provided a brief update on the status of the various ClearWire proposals.

10. Other Issues

Mr. Grawe noted that the budget process has become increasingly difficult. He asked that the Committee consider calling a special meeting if during the budget process significant changes to current cable programming are recommended. The Committee expressed the consensus view that the City should increase the PEG fee to cover its share of Commission costs so that the General Fund is not used to support the cable activity.

11. Adjourn

MOTION: Mr. Bible moved, second by Mr. Magnusson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 6 - 0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.