Committee attendance: Yen Ju Chen, Jon Eisenberg, Ted M Ewanciw, Paul Goldberg, Delaney Higgs, Richard Wells. Absent: Garry Burnett, Jose Zegarra Holder, Alphonse MacDonald, Adeyinka Oguniegan, Aniket Patel, Cable Office staff: Mitsuko Herrera. Guest: Sue Ellen Ferguson (attorney representing municipalities).

Call to Order

• Richard Wells called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

• Not brought up for approval given absence of quorum.

Cable Office Report

- Comcast DTA service fee. No clear legal grounds for challenging. Cable Office seeking to negotiate something with Comcast because of short notice to consumers however, due to few number of complaints county lacks much legal support for a case. Hampers ability to create market in equipment. Delayed action from FCC.
- Verizon PEG program information in guide. Had been thoughts of including in program guide accessibility order, but not clear this will fly.
- Consultation with CCAC members regarding Comcast franchise agreement negotiations.
- New Cable Office Web site. Soft rollout, in progress.
- Cable plan/budget still in flux. Currently on June 7 consent agenda but may not stay there.

Old Business:

- Member recruitment. Four open slots with 2 recent resignations. 2 applicants to move forward to the Council for approval.
- Quorum and municipality representatives. Can we make this majority of currently filled positions?
- Comcast PEG metadata. Discussed previously.
- Verizon FiOS PEG metadata.
- Office of Consumer affairs program to be devoted to cable. Cable Office to provide proposed outline following meeting with producer. To be developed in the fall.
 Also Cable Office to shoot a PSA and will send script to CCAC for review.
- Meeting with County Executive:

Consumer education, CE suggested more outreach to seniors and Cable Office resources.

Budget and cable plan.

Quorum.

Meeting with Hans Riemer:

Protecting Cable Fund

Better argument to develop list of things that could be done with additional resources not used as general revenue to be developed.

Mitsi to bring CCAC list of possible items that CCAC may want to advocate for.

New Business

CABLE AND COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Montgomery County, MD Meeting Minutes, April 24, 2013

• Elections for Chair, Vice Chair & Secretary due in May.

Public Comment

• Lots of things one could be doing if public information needs wren better understood.

REMINDER:

• Next CCAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 22 at 7pm.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

• Submitted by: Jon Eisenberg, CCAC Vice Chair & Secretary