

*Committee attendance:* Yen Ju Chen, Jon Eisenberg, Paul Goldberg, Delaney Higgs, Alphonse MacDonald, Adeyinka Oguniegan, Aniket Patel, Richard Wells. Absent: Robert Andreoli, Garry Burnett, Ted M Ewanciw, Jose Zegarra Holder, Kirk Holmes,.  
*Cable Office staff:* Mitsuko Herrera.

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Approval of Agenda/Minutes**

- The committee approved the agenda and the November, December, and January minutes.

### **Cable Office Report**

- Comcast switch to all-digital, required DTA. Comcast new rate card effective March 1 No charge for DTA under equipment but \$11.99 under service charge for additional outlet. No longer offers offset for customer bringing own equipment. Unclear whether adequate (30 day) notice has been given. Cable Office is investigating. Should Cable Office pursue this? Ask for clearer notice in settlement? Providers no longer have to provide notice to county before customers. Cable Office will report on developments.
- Presented February 2013 complaint report
- Comcast franchise and consultant reports/surveys. If no deal reached, county will issue RFP and use consultant reports to demonstrate needs. Telephone survey data to be released soon. Public hearing to be held on deal but negotiations will be private.
- HD PEG channels in Comcast franchise? Issues include how many channels will be provided and new openMontgomery video. Interest in more short videos.

### **Cable Communications Plan:**

- Mitsi provided an overview briefing of the plan and issues including formula for distribution of capital revenues among municipal and county channels awards for MCM and MCPS PEGs
- Legislative NDA to support Council initiatives
- No additional support for Cable Office legal budget

### **Unfinished Business**

- Verizon FiOS PEG metadata. Cable office reports effective presentation and productive discussions with FCC commissioners and staff. FCC expected to include in NPRM on accessibility. Discussion of how to encourage PEGs to supply complete program data. Order to be in October; likely open in May. Possibility for CCAC to file comments.
- Office of Consumer affairs program to be devoted to cable. Cable Office to provide proposed outline following meeting with producer.

**New Business**

- Points to present at meeting with County Executive, Yen and Jose to present.  
E.g.,
- CCAC quorum should be based on majority of filled seats. Asked for this last year but no action taken. (tally of unfilled seats to be provided in memo on topic)
- Support sustain Cable Office legal work at FCC
- PEG guide
- Appreciate current trend to not increasingly "raid" cable fund for general fund.  
(Discussion of pushing for additional resources to publicize County information/communications/resources)
- (Discussion of format--single page with key bullets, graphics)

**REMINDER:**

- Next CCAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24 at 7pm.

**Adjourn** Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

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