

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting for April 21, 2005 was called to order at 7:07 p.m. in Conference Room C at City Hall.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Bryan Wehrung

Alan Manzon

Kent Voigt

Penny Marinos

Richard Hughes

Fan Lin

Cindy Stewart

Absent:

Jerry Bixby

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution

Moved by: Richard Hughes

Seconded by: Alan Manzon

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the January 19, 2005 regular meeting be approved.

Yeas: All

MOTION CARRIED

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Comcast Communicator – Not sure if this is being mailed to residential customers (Cindy Stewart will check). News related to Comcast services, technology and diverse programming options.
- B. Comcast Cable Guard – Maintenance Service Plan begins 5/1/05 and will include Comcast telephone wiring, video and /or High Speed Internet cable wiring at no additional charge for \$1.49/month fee.
- C. WOW – new phone service: Launched in April as well as their new name “WOW! Internet*Cable*Phone. If have voice over VOIP must go and sign up on website for 911
- D. Comcast: Channel Lineup for March: Making program listings more consistent throughout Michigan. Pay per view channels are no longer available with the analog service.
- E. Comcast – change to High Speed Internet product: current 3Mbps downstream/256kbps upstream will be upgraded to 4Mbps/384kbps. 50% increase in speed.

V. ARTICLES

- A. *Citywide WiFi network pondered* – Chicago Tribune March 9, 2005: Chicago took first steps toward installation of a City-wide wireless network that would allow residents to connect to the internet from home, office, school and provide City Hall with a major source of new revenue.
- B. *Troy should pursue selection as Wireless Oakland Pilot City* – Troy Eccentric March 27, 2005: Oakland County is seeking to become the first county (910 square miles) in the nation to go wireless. (There are still a lot of questions that need to be answered related to this project. Troy will submit an application to be considered one of the pilot cities.)
- C. *Royal Oak wired about Internet Access* – Daily Tribune March 31, 2005.
- D. *Comcast says demand overwhelmed its servers* – Free Press April 15 2005: With approximately one million subscribers locally, Comcast is Michigan's largest provider of high-speed internet connections. During the past couple of weeks, demand has overwhelmed the centralized server locations in NJ and CO. Reasons are unclear (poor equipment?).
- E. *Odds Are: WI-FI on its way to a site near you* – Free Press April 15, 2005: larger number of WI-FI sites popping up all over the metro area.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Cable Complaint Logs: no reports sent for this quarter yet.
- Kent – has anyone noticed the volume level differences on WOW? Kathy Kisle talked about this two meetings ago and was going to respond back to Kent, but never did. Cindy S will check into this matter.
Specific channels –
TBS
QVS
HBO
Music Channel
 - Vacancy - Bob Victor interested or not? If not, see who else is interested.
- B. Report on web publications
- Bryan will remind members 2 and 4 weeks before next meeting.
 - If anyone finds an interesting site, please email Bryan and he will keep list updated and active.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Certificate of Recognition for Fan Lin – student rep to CAC for past two years.
Accepted into the MSU Honors program
- B. Comcast Local – check if CMN has contacted Comcast regarding any programs they might like to air (music awards/sporting events)

VIII. STAFF REPORT

Continue to tape “Talking History” series with longtime Troy residents.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Resolution

Moved by: Penny Marinos

Seconded by: Alan Manzon

RESOLVED, that the CAC meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m. on April 21, 2005.

Yeas: All

MOTION CARRIED

Bryan Wehrung, CAC Chairman

Cindy Stewart, Recording Secretary