

Citizens Cable Advisory Committee  
Minutes of Meeting  
WRAC-8 Studio  
Willmar, Minnesota

August 27, 2015

The Willmar Citizens Cable Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairman Ron Christianson. Members present were Ron Christianson, Denis Anderson, Susan Mattson, Linda Mathiasen, and Larry Fujan. Members excused were Jodi Wambeke. Others in attendance were Rudy Vigil, Local Access Coordinator, and Ross Smeby, Information Systems Coordinator.

Item No. 1 Programming Appeal

The Cable Committee heard the appeal of Bob Skor who had received a 180 day suspension from using WRAC services. Mr. Smeby notified the committee that the Cities Cable Attorney recommended that the appeal process involve 2 meetings. The one tonight where the committee would hear Mr. Skor's comments and a second meeting where a decision would be made. At the second meeting the Attorney would be present for a conference call. It was noted that the appeal would be a committee decision not staff. Council Member Christianson noted that he would abstain from a vote on the decision. Mr. Skor was then given the chance to state his appeal. He felt that there was no merit to the suspension and that in his shows he clearly stated that anything he presented was his opinion not the cities. He also noted that none of his shows had received a valid complaint since episode number 13 which had been pulled from the schedule. Council Member Christianson allowed the opportunity for questions to be asked of Mr. Skor to assist the committee in making a decision. Mr. Fujan, Ms. Mattson and Ms. Mathiasen all requested if it was possible to view the episode that had received a complaint along with the cities response and complaint letter. Mr. Vigil advised the committee that the WRAC studio did retain a copy of the episode which received a complaint but did not have any of Mr. Skors other programs. He also advised them that they could view the episode. Mr. Skor did made his final program available to the Committee. Mr. Skors questions to the committee were annotated and he was notified that they would be introduced and answered at the next meeting. Mr. Skor was then notified that he would be able to attend the next scheduled meeting.

Item No. 2 Discussion the CBG Agreement

An agreement with CBG Communications was introduced to the committee. Mr. Smeby and Mr. Vigil notified that committee that prior to the renewal of the franchise a technical audit of the cities cable providers and the WRAC Studio equipment needed to be performed. It was noted that CBG Communications had performed an audit for the city in the past and came highly recommended by our Franchise Attorney. A motion was made by Mr. Fujan to recommend to the council to approve the agreement with CBG Communications. Council Member Anderson Seconded the Motion which carried.

Item No. 3 Other Business

The committee took consideration of other meeting dates and the next meeting date was set for September 10 at 4:45. Ms. Mathiasen notified the committee that she would not be able to attend the next meeting and noted her decision on Mr. Skors appeal.

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ross Smeby  
Information Systems Coordinator