

Committee Attendance: Kelly Cameron, Michael Gelman, Paul Goldberg, Jose Zegarra Holder, Mona Hall McKenzie, Mike Reiter, Suzanne Weiss, Noreene Wells, and Richard Wells
Absent: Bing Kung, Treffaney Lowe, Ben Wu.
Cable Office Staff: Keith Watkins
Guests: Dan Doyle, Dr. Costis Toregas

Presentation by County Council IT Adviser, Dr. Costis Toregas

Dr. Toregas provided the committee with a summary the Council's Government Operations (GO) committee meeting in February regarding the preliminary review of the FY 2012 Cable Plan. He explained that he was not speaking on behalf of the County Council. He did thank each of the members of the committee for volunteering. The preliminary cable plan did not include detail to permit review at this time; the Council will now need to wait for the details from the County Executive's full proposal that will be delivered mid-March. He explained the need to identify outcomes associated with funds. With the grim fiscal outlook, how can cable help improve our community? The cable fund, and some historic uses, were discussed, along with fibrenet funding sources, 911 issues, 311 update, the report still needed from the consultants hired about two years ago to work on our PEG channels, and how to better reach minorities and underserved MoCo residents. There was also reference to the County Executive's recent response to the report regarding citizen committees, the Organizational Reform Commission. Consensus was that to be most effective, the committee needs to focus and pursue specific areas and issues, currently finance, culture and technology.

Call to Order/Approval of Agenda/Minutes of December meetings

- Kelly Cameron called the meeting to order at 7:20pm
- A motion to approve the agenda was made by Michael Gelman and passed unanimously.
- A motion to approve the December minutes was made by Mike Reiter and also approved without dissent.

Old Business

- Cable Plan/PEG budgets: The CCAC asked Keith to ask all the PEG representatives to present at the March 23 meeting. This will to help us understand the Cable Plan, funding needs and goals for the upcoming fiscal year, along with any issues they might be experiencing.
- Member recruitment: Keith reported that the CE office indicates there are now four applicants for the committee, along with a current member up for renewal. There is a possible candidate for the Rockville seat. Kelly, Noreene and Suzanne volunteered to serve on the interview committee and requested that Keith set up the interviews as soon as possible. Kelly did send a letter to the County Executive's office requesting a change be made to our quorum requirements.
- 2010 Annual Report: We are sharing an online document, but need to add more specific goals. Discussion ensued and an updated draft report will be prepared.
- Meeting of BCCs with the County Executive: Richard Wells attended and had shared some of the highlights, including information about the speakers, administrative guidance and some questions.

New Business

- Comcast-NBC Universal Merger:
- Upcoming Elections: Kelly reminded the committee that his term was up in May and elections would be held. All committee members are encouraged to consider the positions.

Cable Office Report

Keith Watkins Investigator

- Keith shared information from the complaint report from the Cable Office. Complaints continue to be steady, no particular new issue.

Public Comments

- Dan Doyle, a member of the public, brought forth the issue of information missing from the cable on-screen program guides, notably local programming. It was explained that CCAC had been discussing this problem for a while. It was agreed that we would send an inquiry to the providers and follow with a meeting . Richard will prepare and circulate a draft email.

Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Submitted by: Suzanne Weiss, CCAC Secretary