

James City County Cable Communications Committee
May 13, 2009 - Minutes

Members present: Julie Leverenz, Ralph Frye, Mike Rosenberg, Richard Locke, Steven Murphy - Chair
Lee Laska – Vice-Chair, and Gerry White

Also in attendance: Randy Hisle, Michelle Salnoske, - James City County; Steve Goad – Cox
Communications

1. The minutes from the February 18, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.
2. **Public comment** – There was no public comment
3. **New Business:**
 - a. Welcomed new member Mike Rosenberg to the cable committee
 - b. Steve Goad from Cox reviewed the Quarterly Report. He made a note that by the end of fall the ion upgrade will be complete and June 10 will be launching new prices.
 - c. Cable Complaints-Steve will look into Rich’s friend who still need lines buried in the conduit he is also going to get Cox’s legal counsel involved in the “down-grade” of service fees.
 - d. Staff Report – Randy went over email questions from Leo and let the group know he is going to NATOA and will email any information he receives when he gets back.
4. **Old Business:**
 - a. Julie let the cable committee know that wording for the Comp Plan Broadband portion she worked on with Communications staff and cable committee was put into the Comp Plan suggestion verbatim. The Comp Plan has also suggested forming a Broadband Advisory Group.
 - b. Cox Franchise discussion
 1. Before Steve left, he informed the committee that before 90 days out during the franchise renewal process, Cox starts an informal process and communicating with the County. 90 days out, Cox will then begin a more formal process regulated by the FCC.
 2. Per the Franchise agreement – the Board of Supervisors needs to set the Public Input Session
 3. The Committee wants to set a meeting with the County Attorney, to discuss what he sees the committee’s role is, in regards to working with the franchise agreement
 4. The cable committee came up with a list of changes they would like to see in the new agreement:
 - Length of agreement shortened
 - Clearer reporting responsibility
 - Fiber agreement not part of franchise
 - A la carte programming
 - Lower rates
 - Keeping current PEG channels

- Perhaps partnering with Thomas Nelson Community Center and looking into their distant learning center and if funding is available

5. **Next Meeting:** August 12, 2009