



Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission

Serving Multnomah County and the Cities of Fairview, Gresham, Portland, Troutdale & Wood Village

MT. HOOD CABLE REGULATORY COMMISSION

Hybrid – virtual or MetroEast: Gresham, OR
June 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes

SUMMARY MINUTES

Call to Order 6:34 PM

Roll Call

Present: Chair Studenmund; Vice Chair Dennerline; Commissioner DeGraw (arrived 6:36 p.m.); Commissioner Harden; Commissioner Roche; Commissioner Thomas; Commissioner Wagner

Absent: Commissioner Goodlow

Staff: Eric Engstrom, Deputy Director; Rebecca Gibbons, Operations Manager; Rana DeBey, Grants Manager; Julie Ocken, Coordinator

- Agenda Review: none.
- Disclosures: none.
- Public Comment (non-agenda items): none.
- Community Media Center Updates
 - John Lugton, MetroEast reported MetroEast is kicking-off summer camps (YouTube and TicToc) and summer kids in the park events, which is sponsored by the City of Gresham. MetroEast is continuing to work with the Rohingya community as part of a partnership with the Rosewood Initiative Project.
 - Rebecca Burrell, Open Signal shared a PowerPoint presentation. She reported on Open Signal's latest production cohort, new production cohort, studio education programs, studio/lobby upgrades, and a new mission statement. Rebecca said this is her last meeting with the MHCRC as she is leaving Open Signal at the end of this month.

*CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION

Items listed below may be enacted by one motion and approved as consent agenda items. Any item may be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately if a member of the Commission so requests.

C1. May 22, 2023 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner DeGraw moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Harden seconded.





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VOTE: 7-0 passed

REGULAR AGENDA

R1. Community Technology Grant Agreements: 2023 Cycle

Rana DeBey said staff is recommending the Commission approve three Community Technology Grant Agreements. DeBey noted a typo on page 12 – just three are moving forward tonight. The commission selected 18 pre-applicants in January and staff have worked with each applicant in past months to complete final agreements. DeBey noted that the grant request from the City of Portland related to council chamber upgrades will likely move forward at the MHCRC's September meeting.

DeBey provided an overview of each of the three grants.

MOTION: Commissioner Wagner moved to approve the Caledara grant for \$32,595. Commissioner Harden seconded.

VOTE: 7-0 passed

MOTION: Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the PAM CUT grant for \$82,450. Commissioner Dennerline seconded.

Chair Studenmund captioned the event where this was talked about a bit last week. She recused herself from this vote.

VOTE: 6-0 passed; **Studenmund abstained**

MOTION: Commissioner Harden moved to approve the SEI grant for \$90,090. Commissioner Dennerline seconded.

VOTE: 7-0 passed

R2. Election of MHCRC Chair and Vice Chair

Gibbons provided an overview of the elections process and said nominations were made for Julia DeGraw for Chair and Scott Thomas for Vice Chair

MOTION: Commissioner Thomas moved to appoint Commissioner DeGraw as the Chair for FY 2023-24. Commissioner Roche seconded.

VOTE: 7-0 passed

MOTION: Commissioner Roche moved to appoint Commissioner Harden as the Vice Chair for FY 2023-24. Commissioner DeGraw seconded.

VOTE: 7-0 passed

Thanks and appreciations were shared for the new Commission leadership and to Chair Studenmund for her leadership over the past three years.

Staff Updates

- MHCRC FY2023-24 Budget Approval – Rebecca Gibbons reported that the MHCRC Budget received unanimous approval from Fairview, Wood Village, Gresham, and Multnomah County.





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Gibbons thanked commissioners for presenting the budget. Gibbons said staff and commissioners will present the budget to the City of Troutdale tomorrow and Portland on Wednesday.

- FCC/Federal Legislation – Gibbons referred Commissioners to the documents in the packet (“information only”). This is unprecedented attack on local ROW and franchising. We are monitoring this closely and just wanted to make sure this was on commissioners’ radar. If it moves forward on the legislative agenda, we will need to take a much strong opinion and advocacy efforts.
- Digital Inclusion Network Letter to Oregon Broadband Office – Funding guidelines around BEAD grant funding. Gibbons said that given the digital equity work the commission does, Gibbons share a letter from a local consortium that was sent to the Oregon Broadband Office related to federal funding coming through the state over the next 18 months. Gibbons said the consortium addresses concerns about the lack of engagement opportunities in large metro areas throughout the state. Outreach is happening just a day or two ahead of time via email, so there isn’t lots of opportunity to voice opinions. The letter highlights some of the shortcomings and also provides some recommendations to make this more inclusive.
- Annual Secretary of State Process Update – We were anticipating Michael to provide an update on this. Rebecca will check in with him and provide an update at a later date.

Commissioner Open Comment

Commissioners DeGraw and Dennerline are reappointed to the commission through their respective jurisdictions.

Next MHCRC meeting is Monday, September 18.

Adjourned: 7:32 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Ocken

