

**CHAMPAIGN-URBANA JOINT CABLE AND
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION**

MINUTES

DATE: October 11, 2001
Thursday, 7:00 a.m.

PLACE: City Building
102 North Neil
Champaign, IL 61820

MEMBERS PRESENT:

CITY OF CHAMPAIGN

Tom Bruno
Brian Silverman
Tom O'Rourke

PARKLAND COLLEGE

Tom McDonell

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

George Badger

CITY OF URBANA

Dr. John Peterson
Danielle Chynoweth
Kevin Maxon
Barbara Gladney

MEMBERS ABSENT:

CITY OF CHAMPAIGN

Richard Atterberry

CITY OF URBANA

STAFF PRESENT:

Trisha Crowley, City of Champaign

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Peterson called the Study Session of the Champaign-Urbana Joint Cable & Telecommunications Commission to order at 7:30 a.m.

Dr. Peterson started with a discussion about the items for the October 24, 2001 meeting. He indicated that he would add an item to the agenda, broadband service, and will try to get someone from Ameritech to appear to address this. There was a general discussion of the problems in deploying broadband in the community, including the difficulties McLeod has had coordinating with Ameritech for its DSL service; also, Kevin Maxon reported that AT&T @ HOME has had a significant deterioration in service in the last several months. The Commission discussed briefly the municipality's control over broadband and the fact this was an issue that had not yet been settled at the federal or state level. Kevin will report back with whatever information he discovers as to why AT&T @ HOME is having this problem. Trisha Crowley will report concerning the status of the FCC inquiry on how cable broadband and other broadband providers should be classified for purposes of regulation.

Other agenda items which were discussed included reports by Commissioners on the NATOA Conference, and PEG programming annual reports. Danielle Chynoweth will coordinate with Rick Atterberry on a report of the NATOA Conference. The conference scheduled from September 9 through 12 was quite disrupted by the terrorist attacks. Barbara Gladney asked about the format for the annual PEG reports. A standardized format will be discussed at the Commission meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Submitted by:

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