

**Region 43 (Washington)**  
**800 MHz Regional Planning Committee**

**February 22, 2006**  
**Sparling**  
**4100 194<sup>th</sup> Street SW**  
**Lynwood, WA**

**1. Roll Call and Introductions:**

The following individuals participated in the meeting:

Steve Taylor– 800 MHz Chair (City of Tacoma)  
David Mendel – King County  
Ron Solemsaas - SERS  
Ken Rhodes - King County  
Jon “Wiz” Wiswell – City of Seattle  
Spencer Bahner - Sparling

Phone:

Dave Brush – City of Yakima  
Bob Wentworth – City of Spokane

- 2. Approval of 800MHz Minutes of January 25, 2006.** There was a motion by Bob Wentworth and a 2<sup>nd</sup> was made by Jon Wiswell, and the minutes were approved.

**3. General Information Updates:**

- a. The Chair reported that the Zone 4 member and Secretary positions are vacant. The Zone 4 rep has been vacant for quite some time now.
- b. Regions 12 and 36 have provided letters of concurrence, confirmed in an email with Kevin Kearns this morning.
- c. WSDOT has 2 licenses that have expired. They are at the Stripped Peak and are comprised of 3 frequencies, 2 of which were granted in 2001, and 1 granted in 2002. Six others were cancelled because of construction windows. Steve doesn't see any problem with these and invited Harlan Ohlson to brief the committee. Harlan said the frequencies were approved in the past by the Region and he felt they must come before the committee again for approval. Wiz moved to authorize the chair to process the licenses. A second was made by Bob Wentworth, and the motion was approved.

- d. Region 43 plan re-write status – Kevin Kearns confirmed by email today that we have Region 12 concurrence. Region 35 was completed previously. Therefore we can move forward to the FCC for submission. The Chair will post the plan on the Region 43 web site. Kevin Kearns (via email) indicated that he will work on the draft some more and send it to The Chair and Wiz.
- e. Discussion was held on the vacant secretary position. The Chair stated that the position had to be a voting member. If we don't have a secretary by the next meeting, the Chair will bring administrative support to West Side meetings. The Chair named the current officers of the committee. Wiz volunteered to take on the Secretary position as long as there was no conflict with his 700 MHz duties and as long as someone else does the note taking. A motion was made nominating Wiz as the Secretary by Steve Taylor, and seconded by Bob Wentworth. The motion was approved.
- f. Rebanding – Region 43 needs a rebanding subcommittee to provide updates to the region and act as a forum for communication. Harlan Ohlson, David Mendel, and Ron Solemsaas all volunteered to act in that capacity. Any other interested parties should contact either Harlan or Steve Taylor. Wiz doesn't think he can fit being on the sub-committee into his schedule. The Chair wants the subcommittee to get together for a caucus and decide what the committee will be doing. Ron Solemsaas suggested that Harlan be the Chairman of the sub-committee.
- g. Puyallup, EPSCA, and the City of Seattle all have put in applications for consideration.

The Chair will print the one for Puyallup and mail it to the members because it is too big for email.

The EPSCA file should have been received by the members already and will be reviewed at next month's meeting.

City of Seattle hand delivered their application yesterday. Wiz briefed the committee that his application is for both NPSPAC and non-NPSPAC frequencies. Seattle is concerned about transmitters they have in standby as a back up for the Capital Hill Simulcast site which have never been licensed. The change will increment from 1 to 2 the number of transmitters on each frequency for the 28 Channel Simulcast site. These frequencies are normally turned off and would only be used in the event of the loss of the simulcast. Seattle thinks this is purely an administrative change for the committee chair.

Wiz also discussed the need to license his ITAC 3 channel which was previously approved by the committee. The Chair noted that the ITAC channel was in the frequency plan, but no date was attached. The Chair

asked SERS for concurrence that the channel won't interfere with them and wondered if he can make the change without a vote. It was suggested that he could by Wiz because it was merely an administrative change. David Mendel said the same issue is true of his ITAC 1, 2 and 4 channels for King County. The Chair says all these ITAC/ICALL channels were definitely assigned, but the dates don't appear in the channel assignments. He will make the date for ITAC 3 February. Also, he will get the list put into Excel and do a search for all the remaining ITAC/ICALL frequencies, and then assign administrative dates to those line items, including King County's. Steve urged all agencies to get these channels licensed if they are not now, prior to the Re-banding License freeze.

- h. State WA DOT ICALL licensing – Spencer Bahner asked about the status of these. He wanted to know if DOT has moved forward with applications and what their status was. Harlan Ohlson said it wasn't that simple and that they aren't that far yet. The system is still in engineering with Motorola, and if Motorola approves the design, then they would move ahead with the applications. Wiz discussed the plan requirements for 1 interoperable channel per 4 trunked system channels and that the goal wasn't attainable. He discussed how the process has evolved from that goal to concentrating on ICALL now and getting that up in a simulcast environment, and then implementing an ITAC solution.

**4. Good of the order**

- a. None

**5. Future Meeting Dates/Locations**

- a. 3/29 – Yakima
- b. 4/26 – Lynwood (Sparling offices)

**6. Adjourn**

- a. The 800 MHz committee adjourned at 1155 hours for vendor presentations. Presentations were made by:

Cisco Mesh Technology  
Carlson Wireless Technology  
Motorola Mesh Technology