

City of Alexandria, Virginia
Commission on Information Technology

September 16, 2021 IT Commission Meeting Minutes
7:00 – 8:30 PM
Virtual Meeting

In attendance: Catharine Rice (CR), Chris Soghoian (CS), Brandon Mosoriak (BM), Michelle Rief (MR), Steve Davidson (SD), Sundar Kanagarajan (SK)

Staff: Vanetta Pledger, Steve Chozick, Smail Farid, Tori Butler, Patrick Eze

Absent: John Szczech, Marcus Washington, Darrlynn Franklin, Lynda Bennett, Ricardo Alfaro, Sara Crifasi, J.D. Maddox

- 1. Welcome/Introductions**
- 2. Approval of May 17, 2021 minutes**
- 3. Update on City's fiber backbone project (Vanetta Pledger)**
 - There is a protocol in place with P&Z to review building plans.
 - City can't force builder to accept conditions. However, there hasn't been much pushback from builders so far regarding City requests.
 - RA: Concerns about citizen choice and equity. We want to have as much competition as we can have.
 - CS: We're a resource the City can use, but only if we're asked to help.
- 4. Digital Equity Plan Committee**
 - City is working with Computer Corps to provide help desk support to the schools
 - Dana Wedeles will give an update at the next meeting.
- 5. Legislative Committee**
 - Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) may potentially decreasing monthly amount from \$50/month to \$30/month.
 - City Manager's request form budget comment (FY23) is open.
 - CS: asked if ITS can get us a rough draft of their wish list so we can support it.
- 6. Adjourn by unanimous vote at 8:30pm. (Next meeting is October 14, 2021).**