

City of Alexandria, Virginia
Commission on Information Technology

December 9, 2021 IT Commission Meeting Minutes
7:00 – 8:30 PM
Virtual Meeting

In attendance: Sara Crifasi (SC), Ricardo Alfaro (RA), J.D. Maddox (JM), Brandon Mosoriak (BM), Catharine Rice (CR), Chris Soghoian (CS), Steve Davidson (SD), Sundar Kanagarajan (SK), Tim Casey (TC), Stephen Morris (SM)

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

Absent: Darrlynn Franklin, Michelle Rief

1. Welcome/Introductions

- Two new members: Tim Casey and Stephen Morris

2. Approval of October 14, 2021 minutes

- Approved unanimously

3. Update on City's fiber backbone project (Steve Chozick)

- New City Manager (James Parajon) starting 1/18/22.
- Things are progressing as planned.
- Eight miles out of approximately 40 have been completed.
- The second phase will consist of pulling of fiber and splicing.
- Commission and ITS staff looked over the map of the fiber project.
- SD: Is it intentional to have two loops instead of branches? SF: The map shows the physical topology, not the logical topology. The logical topology consists of six hubs.

4. Digital Equity Plan (Catharine Rice and Michelle Rief)

- Computer Core is looking for help to be on their board and/or volunteer.
- \$420K has been set aside for Digital Equity Plan, Broadband Strategist and Policy Analyst. This was bumped from Tier 3 to Tier 1.
- Alexandria Workforce Development Program for upskilling: will look into this.
- SD: Met with head of Computer Core, am impressed and believes there is potential there.

5. Legislative Committee (Sara Crifasi & Catharine Rice)

- There are a number of companies interested in providing 'fiber to the home' service
- There will be an announcement of proposals on 1/11/22.
- Is the City negotiating franchises by itself or using a company/contractor to assist? Negotiation is being handled by the City Manager's Office.
- TC: Is there a set number of providers? SC: Not that he knows of.
- PE: The City is open to be ISPs and vendors who would lease to other ISPs.

6. Cybersecurity Committee

- TC: is interested in restarting this committee.

7. Adjourn by unanimous vote at 8:30pm. (Next meeting is January 20, 2022).