

Alexandria Commission on Information Technology

Minutes
September 14, 2009 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM -- without a quorum.

Members present: Deb Roepke (alternate for Del Pepper), Kostas Liopiros, Daniel Brooks, R. Heather Planey, Scott Price, Marie Schuler, Philip Acosta

Excused: Catherine Hogan Lewis, Brian Hunt, Lynda Rudd

Absent: John Min, Alicia Hughes

Other: Helen Morris (School Board nominee), Mark McLindon (Chamber of Commerce nominee)

City Staff present: Mike Herway, Tom Trobridge

The Chair, Kostas Liopiros welcomed Deb Roepke as the alternate for Councilwoman Del Pepper.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the July 13, 2009 meeting will be addressed at the next meeting in November since there was no quorum present (a minimum of eight members are required).

Annual Report to Council

The Commission's Annual Report was transmitted to Council.

Civic Engagement

Kostas Liopiros distributed for discussion two articles regarding Citizen Connect – an iPhone application developed by the City of Boston. Citizen Connect is designed as an extension of Boston's 24 hour complaint hotline to make the filing of complaints easier and quicker for iPhone users. The Citizen Connect application uses the iPhone's camera and geolocation capability to transmit a geo-tagged photo of a complaint (e.g. pothole, uncleared trash) to the appropriate department in the city government

Mike Herway, Director Information Technology Services, discussed the City's plan to develop a similar application for the iPhone and other smart phones.

Status of Commission Appointments/Recruitment

The Vice-chair, Dan Brooks, noted that three positions remained vacant: (1) a representative of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce; (2) a representative of the Alexandria Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee (BFAC); and (3) a representative of the Alexandria School Board.

In addition, six positions are to become vacant the latter part of November: Daniel Brooks (11/28); Brian Hunt (11/28); Kostas Liopiros (11/28); R. Heather Planey (11/28); Scott Price (11/28); and Lynda Rudd (11/29).

Commission Policies and Procedures

Discussion of the Commission's policies and procedures was deferred to the next meeting in November.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.