

Commission on Information Technology
March 09, 2009

Called to Order 7:07

Members Present: Philip Acosta, Dan Brooks, Mark Feldheim, Brian Hunt, Catherine Hogan-Lewis, Kostas Liopiros, Scott Newsham, Marie Schuler, Heather Planey, Scott Price, Lynda Rudd, Marie Schuler

City Staff Present: Mike Herway, Tom Trobridge

Excused: Del Pepper, Justin Wilson

Unexcused: R. Mark McLindon. John Min

Called to order 7:04pm

Approval of Jan 12, 2009 minutes: motion to approve passed, 10-0

Alexandria Library Presentation: Rose Dawson, Linden Renner , Joe Yuen (head of Library's IT Dept)

Library use is rising, circulation has increased 11% over the past 3 months. Library has a 3 year IT plan, future IT projects at the library. There were 17,000 Internet sessions last year at the libraries. The libraries have 57 Internet computers & each library is a Wi-fi hotspot. Libraries have a total of 246 computers with 30 network printers, running Windows XP and Linux. Web access to e-books and databases is provided to users with a valid library card 24/7. Three T1 lines used for public access, but is not enough for current demand and is thus being upgraded.

Review of Information Technology Plan: Kostas Liopiros

Mark Feldheim asks that we all provide comments/concerns about the IT plan within two weeks. We will meet Monday, April 20 to vote on the final memo on the IT plan. Comments should focus on long term effects of the priorities listed in the plan.

Innovation in Technology Award: Heather Planey

The current city budget has no funds for this award, so at this time, there is no plan to have the award for 2009.

IT Commission Charter: Kostas Liopiros

The commission discussed the proposed changes to the charter. Kostas will present the new draft at the April 20 meeting. Part (b)(5) of the charter is proposed to be modified

to seat a representative from a “communications franchise” instead of any “communications company”.

Status of FiOS in Alexandria: Discussion

Alexandria has a unique “undergrounding” requirement, Verizon is still in negotiations because this creates a substantially higher cost than other jurisdictions. Actual franchise negotiations will begin soon.

Adjourned 8:24pm.