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City of Gainesville

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Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Draft

January 14, 2019

3:30 PM

Room 16

Broadband Connectivity Subcommittee

Commissioner Harvey Ward (Chair)
Commissioner David Arreola (Vice-Chair)
Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (Member)
Commissioner Gigi Simmons (Member)

CALL TO ORDER - 3:32 PM

ROLL CALL

Present 4 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, and Simmons

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Arreola, that this Matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 1 - Simmons

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[180626.](#)

Minutes of September 10, October 8, and December 10, 2018 (B)

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the minutes of September 10, October 8, and December 10, 2018.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Arreola, that this Matter be Approved as Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 1 - Simmons

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

[180188.](#)

Adding Conduit Requirement for Developers (B)

Motion: 1) Ask Department of Doing to look at conduit requirements for developers and see if they have any thoughts on it; and 2) Invite Department of Doing to the next meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Arreola, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 1 - Simmons

[170192](#)

Expanding Affordable Internet in Gainesville (NB)

Chief Business Services Officer, Lewis Walton gave an update on the survey and stated that he is working with the City on a press release.

RECOMMENDATION *Discuss.*

Discussed

[170193.](#)

Net Neutrality and Internet Privacy Ordinance for GRUCom (NB)

Commissioner Simmons arrived at 3:39 PM.

RECOMMENDATION *Discuss.*

Continued

[170191.](#)

UF/City Wireless Internet Opportunities (NB)

Director of Technology, Lucian Badea, provided an update. He stated that he met with UF and Cox Cable; is working on a draft plan; and will discuss at the next meeting - the legal aspects (what entities would provide, responsibility).

RECOMMENDATION *Discuss.*

Discussed

[180444.](#)

Providing Broadband and Digital Inclusion in Housing Authorities (NB)

Motion: Direct staff to begin discussions with the Gainesville Housing Authority for broadband and digital inclusion.

Listed below are comments/suggestions from the Subcommittee:

Commissioner Hayes-Santos: 1) What other communities have done; 2) How can we spread digital inclusion with the Housing Authority (partnership); 3) How to make it much more useful than using a phone; and 4) How can we partner with the Library district.

Executive Director, Pamela Davis: 1) Use money to rehab properties and come back with an infrastructure (allowing to use CDBG funds, public housing funds); 2) Happy to partner with anyone; 3) Working with Tampa Housing Authority; 4) Redeveloping public housing sites in the community; and 5) A couple of sites have computer labs.

Chair Ward: 1) Lighting and infrastructure (general accessibility); 2) Interested in how the City can help get the technology into the housing units (who can we partner with).

Commissioner Simmons: 1) Would like to see information from Tampa and other Housing Authorities.

Maureen stated that they partnered with the Knight Foundation in Macon, Georgia

RECOMMENDATION *Refer to Committee.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, and Simmons

[180445.](#)

Digital Inclusion Policies (NB)

Assistant City Manager, Dan Hoffman stated that he brought the draft resolution to the Charter's and is waiting for feedback.

RECOMMENDATION *Refer to Committee*

MEMBER COMMENT

Listed below are comments/suggestions from the Subcommittee:

Commissioner Simmons: What is Cox Cable's role in the partnership. Margarita Purvis, from Cox Cable stated that they are providing the highway. Walter Banks spoke to the matter.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos: 1) Students are excited about internet being off-campus. Dan Hoffman stated that classes are being held at the Catalyst building; 2) Inquired about the buses. Dan Hoffman stated that the equipment is being installed on two pilot buses. Chair Ward stated that he is interested in a route from Hunter's Crossing to Campus.

Dan Hoffman will follow-up with Fred Murry with regards to inviting members from the Housing Division on opportunities for CDBG funding.

Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Simmons: Refer to the General Policy Committee - Rename the Broadband Connectivity Subcommittee to "Digital Access Subcommittee". Motion passed 4-0.

Donald Shepherd spoke to the matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE - February 11, 2019, Room 16

ADJOURNMENT - 4:17 PM