

# CTTAB 2003 Minutes

**May 13, 2003**

**Meeting Minutes**

**City of Seattle, Board Room, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Key Tower, 700 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104**

## **Board Members**

Rhonda Allison  
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Jason Bennett  
Michael Daum  
Shannon Frisbie  
Rob Jacobs  
Damien Koemens  
Ann Robinson

Robin Oppenheimer  
Justin Saint Claire  
Brad Stilwell  
Jeff Techico  
Harriet Wasserman\  
**Excused**  
Mike Donlin  
Mike Mullarkey  
Melinda Partin

## **Staff**

David Keyes  
Jill Novik  
Tony Perez  
Rona Zevin

## **Guests:**

Ann Suter  
Terry Thomas

### **1. Introduction of new members, Announcements, Agenda Approval; Review of Minutes:**

Jill invited CTTAB to the grand opening of the City/cable payment office – the first of its kind in the country – on May 29 from 11:30-12:30 at the Central Neighborhood Service Center. Board members are also invited to the Mayor's reception for boards and commissions on June 9 at Benaroya Hall from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

David invited CTTAB to the May 21 event announcing the winners of this year's technology matching fund (tmf). The event will be held from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at Council House, 17<sup>th</sup> and Madison. At 2:00 p.m., also on May 21, the tmf projects will be presented to the Police, Fire, Courts and Technology (PFCT) committee.

The agenda and minutes were approved as written.

**2. Committee Reports**

**EDemocracy: Brad** Brad presented a revised draft of the letter to Gary Gibson on content and editorial guidelines. After some discussion, *CTTAB adopted the letter as amended.*

**Community Technology: Rhonda** It was decided that this committee would meet prior to the monthly CTTAB meeting. Harriet noted that new subcommittees may be necessary. David distributed the new community inventory technology map and the newly published small business survey.

**Governance: Jeff** Jeff noted that this committee did a lot of work in 2002 on Board issues, and there is more to do. Rob and Ann have joined the committee, and Rob will chair.

**3. Cable Office: Tony**

At the behest of Sen. John McCain, the Government Accounting Office (GAO) will be looking at six to eight cities as case studies examining differences for cities with and without cable competition. Seattle is one of the cities participating.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will shortly be handing down its decision on media consolidation.

On May 8, the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court heard oral arguments on *Brand X v the FCC*, which will review the FCC's decision to classify cable modem service as an information service, rather than a cable service.

At the May 21 or subsequent meeting of the PFCT committee, the Cable Office will present a resolution commencing the renewal process with Comcast.

**4. Presentation: Steve Hawley**

Steve discussed the background of the current situation, with telcos, satellite, cable companies, and governments currently providing access to broadband services. He discussed the future of digital technology, in which providers of digital technology will be able to offer a broad range of individualized services. As a result of these increased offerings, it is anticipated that consumers will be spending significantly more money on broadband services.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.