

CTTAB

October 10, 2006 Minutes

City of Seattle, Seattle Municipal Tower
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<p>Present Leah Altaras Bill Baron Charles Brennick Maryann Budlong Michael Davidson Paul Green Harry Hart, III Tom Kee Jerry Lin Ann Robinson Nina Sanders Shivani Tejuja</p> <p>Excused Todd Achilles Huat Chye Lim</p>	<p>Absent Damien Koemans</p> <p>Visitors Rodney Rutherford</p> <p>Staff David Keyes Jill Novik</p>
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1. Announcements; Agenda Approval; Review of September, 2006 Minutes; Report from the Chair :

The September, 2006 minutes and October agenda were approved as written. Budlong noted that Manny Ovena and Pwint Htun had resigned from the Board, and we are now looking for members. New Council appointee Tom Kee was introduced. Elections will be held at the November meeting and interested members are asked to submit their nominations to Jill Novik at least one week prior to the meeting. A member is also needed to oversee the work plan.

2. Committee Reports:

Broadband/RFI: Baron reported that the committee interviewed 10 companies and that the process was very educational. No one company/consortium could pull the whole thing together, but the committee was, overall, very encouraged by the responses. Novik agreed, noting that the companies were clear in their belief that such a system could be successful.

Emerging Technologies: Hart will chair the committee and will be asking committee members to develop white papers. The group will meet via conference call in the near future.

Keyes will be presenting the results of the wi-fi pilot project evaluation at the UDistrict Chamber of Commerce this month and Rainier Valley organizations next month.

Technology Matching Fund: Keyes said there will likely be a committee meeting in November to get ready for the December annual cycle and to review CTTAB's points of involvement. He added that he is not yet sure how much funding TMF will receive for 2007.

Youth Civic Engagement: the UW Communications Dep't Center for Civic Engagement and Office for Civil Rights Sexual Minorities Commission are interested in working with the committee.

ArtsZone: Sanders reported that the next meeting will be held on October 20.

3. Cable Office: Jill Novik

Novik requested CTTAB members to distribute the press release for new members to people they thought would be positive additions to the Board. The deadline is October 20, with interviews the following week. The goal is to have all the new members on board in January, 2007.

In response to a question about the Millennium franchise renewal, Novik noted that the Internet survey will continue to be open for some time. There will be community outreach in 2007, with CTTAB helping to facilitate public meetings.

4. Community Technology: David Keyes

Community Technology: Keyes announced an event with Reel Grrrls on October 18, premiering the video psa's created under the Tech Matching Fund grant. The Municipal League has launched an online tool for issue discussion and polling. The initial discussions are with partner organizations. Sanders and Tejuja volunteered to join the discussion. Keyes also reiterated an interest in having CTTAB members write for Brainstorm.

5. Public Comment

Rodney Rutherford voiced some concerns about the quality and cost of Millennium Digital Media service.

6. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Community Technology Report to CTTAB October 2006

Technology Matching Fund

Reel Grrls is hosting a premier night on Wednesday, October 18, 7:00pm at the Central Cinema (1411 21st Avenue, Seattle) to show the new works by girls ages 14-18, produced through the Reel Grrls program and funded in part by the City of Seattle Technology Matching Fund. The new videos showcase the work of three local non-profits: Camp Blaze Fire-fighting Camp for Girls, Cedar River Clinics, and Little Bit Therapeutic Riding Center. Other features will also be shown. See more info about this and their November Girl Directors program at reelgrrls.org.

We also have a copy of their 12 minute DVD about race and identity produced by teen girls in the Reel Grrrls program. The video, called Mix It Up, is a series of 4-5 pieces with girls of various races exploring issues of race, their own identity and how they think forward. This was produced with a Race and Social Justice grant from the Department of Neighborhoods.

The Municipal League has launched a site for collaboration on their civic engagement Tech Matching Fund project. They are recruiting partners and looking to select specific topics to work on. If others are interested in joining the collaboration site, let Delia or David know.

Brainstorm

The September issue is out and features the Low Income Housing Institute's program and their partnership with the Digital Bridge Academy, which brings in youth to help maintain the computers. Of course, there is lots more.... See www.seattle.gov/tech/brainstorm .

We would still like to see CTTAB contributing articles to Brainstorm.

RecTech

We helped provide a training on how to use the Digital Learning Commons (www.learningcommons.org). DLC is a phenomenal educational portal that Gary Locke helped establish. For students, it provides WASL help, homework help and research material as well as online mentors and classes. It also provides college prep assistance and resources for teachers and parents. All Seattle high school and some middle school students have access. The training was organized with RecTech, the Parks Department computer learning center coalition, and provided to City and Seattle Public School staff. The community center staff are going to use this as part of the TechNet after-school program.

The South Park Community Center computer lab was broken into last weekend and 3 computers stolen and some damage done. We're awaiting next steps from them, but it's a significant loss. On October 18th the Mayor will be in South Park to receive the new Community Action Plan. This includes upgrading the lab and providing programming. We also provided online survey support for the community needs assessment.



We have had more than 11,000 unique users in 2006.

The Freeway Park wi-fi is being used this week for the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) conference at the convention center (approx. 7000 attendees). The alternative is paid wi-fi inside the convention center.

We presented the evaluation findings to City Council. They were very interested. We are completing a cost analysis and scheduling a briefing for the Mayor's senior staff to discuss next steps.

We are also scheduled to present the findings at the University Chamber of Commerce lunch meeting on October 17th.

September 1 – September 30th, 2006

User statistics

	City Hall / Parks	University District	Columbia City
Avg. logins per day	52 (+5)	234 (+4)	97 (-15)
% change in total monthly logins since last month	+6%	+19%	-16%
Avg. number of unique users per day	28 (0)	96 (+17)	48 (-3)
Total unique users (year to date)	2828	6490	1799
New users added this month	338	881	194

(Change from last month: decrease in red, increase in green)

Notes:

- There have been 11,117 unique users of the overall system year to date.
- Overall, there was a 14% increase in year-to-date unique Seattle Wi-Fi users. There was a 6% increase in the number of sessions compared to last month.