

CTTAB
August 14, 2007 Minutes
City of Seattle, Seattle Municipal Tower
27th Floor, 700 – Fifth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98124

<p>Present Todd Achilles Peg Achterman Leah Altaras Bill Baron Charles Brennick Jessica Bukowski Fran Clifton Richard Huff Tom Kee Jerry Lin Nina Sanders Shivani Tejuja Matt Towers Vicky Yuki</p> <p>Excused Michael Davidson Oren Sreebny</p>	<p>Visitors Jean Godden Tom Van Bronkhorst Ken Meyer</p> <p>Staff Jill Novik Bill Schrier</p>
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1. Announcements; Agenda Approval; Review of July, 2007 Minutes; Report from the Chair:

The July, 2007 minutes and August agenda were approved as written. Jerry Lin announced that Harry Hart resigned from CTTAB.

2. Discussion of Public Access Technology: Councilmember Jean Godden

CM Godden said that she would like to see increased and easier public access to the City's many boards and commissions. She noted that such access would be particularly timely for newly created bodies such as the Bridging the Gap and Nightclub Advisory Commissions. Citizens want to be a part of these groups and understand what is going on.

She understands that there are constraints to staffing with using a video system, but asked CTTAB to brainstorm alternatives. She suggested that CTTAB might consider itself as a test case. Tom Van Bronkhorst added that CTTAB could serve as a pilot to see if enough people are listening to balance the effort.

Baron suggested that it might be opportune to do as CTTAB does periodically and hold meetings in various community locations. He asked if the City has the ability to tape in

the community centers or other locations. Schrier said that would require dedicated fiber, which we generally do not have, nor does the City have the funds to do this.

Action: Create an ad hoc study committee to develop a package of options and report back to CTTAB. The motion was approved. The following members volunteered for the committee: Yuki, Huff, Tejuja, Clifton, Achterman, Kee, Lin.

Other questions for CM Godden included her interest in the fiber to the home (ftth) project. Godden said she is interested and that Seattle should get started as it is inevitable. She added that it is a good way to tear down isolation and be part of the global village.

CM Godden also commented on the Millennium Digital Media franchise: many people commented and were well informed. Council does not want pull the plug, she added, but if they do grant the franchise, it will be with the understanding that Millennium provide and be held accountable for better service.

3. CTO Report

See attached.

4. Public Comment

No public comment.

5. Office of Broadband Report: Jill Novik

The Seattle Channel is a finalist for nine NATOA programming awards, including the prestigious Excellence in Government Programming award. The winners will be announced at the NATOA conference in Portland, OR in October.

As CM Godden indicated, approximately 25 people attended the July 25 and 30th Millennium Digital Media hearings. The most commonly heard sentiments were concern for costs and recently declined customer service.

The ordinances for franchise transfer and 10 year renewal are in front of the Energy and Technology Committee of the Seattle City Council, which will likely act in September.

6. Committee Reports:

Youth Civic Engagement: Huff, Kee, and Keyes met with the University of Washington to discuss the youth web portal. Apparently there was an expensive licensing fee for the software, but the group was able to find open source software. The summer program will be extended, with the students making a presentation to City Council.

7. Adjourn: Following committee meetings, the CTTAB was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

SEATTLE CHANNEL NEWS

- The Channel will broadcast live from the Pike Place market on Friday, the 100 year anniversary of the Market. The Seattle Channel is the only local television outlet to do so. Cable Channel 21 or streamed live www.seattlechannel.org. See schedule of events on page 3 of this report.
- **CityStream's** latest edition debuted on August 3rd and featured the Rainier Beach High School performing arts program and their production of "Dream Girls" and has pieces on 1907 West Seattle's Luna Park "The Coney Island of the West," how dogs are helping people with AIDS, and how tap dance legends are teaching the 1920's dance the Lindy Hop at Seattle's Century Ballroom. Repeats 8/3 9am and 1:30pm.
- **Book Lust** with Nancy Pearl featured Sherman Alexie, debut August 4th.
- Legendary children's performer J.P. Patches (Chris Wedes) is Eric Liu's guest on **Seattle Voices**, debut August 7.

WEB WWW.SEATTLE.GOV NEWS

- August edition of Seattle OnHold launched at www.seattle.gov/onhold/. Onhold features original music performed by Seattle Artists and used as music-on-hold for the City government telephone system. The music can be purchased online.
- The redesigned Arts & Cultural Affairs web site was launched (www.seattle.gov/arts/).

COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY NEWS

- The August edition of Brainstorm, Seattle's Community Technology ezine, is online at <http://seattle.gov/tech/brainstorm>. Read about the Robotics Academy and meet DoIT's Technology Access Foundation (TAF) summer interns.
- Both Viet Shelton and Council Member Jean Godden met with Puget Sound Off (Seattle Youth Commons) students this week. Council Member Godden provided tips on writing and how to effectively message. This session was attended by Peter Berliner of the Paul Allen Foundation, which is considering a proposal to help with funding. Viet provided great tips on blogging and there was good back-and-forth discussion about issues of interest to teens. We will look together at the use of Puget Sound Off as a focal point for teen action in Mayor Nickels' upcoming Climate Action Now initiative.
- Washington Asian Pacific Islanders Against Substance Abuse (WAPIFASA - www.wapifasa.org) completed its 2006 Tech Matching Fund grant. With an award of \$9,500, the project provided 20 youth with equipment and training to create materials to empower

and educate the community in a manner that is language and culturally appropriate. They created videos on topics such as Hip Hop and its influence on youth, the "Stop the Killings" movement in the U.S. and the Philippines, and the Wing Luke Museum. The project helped the students gain confidence and build media literacy skills to think critically about where media messages come from and how they can influence messages with their own projects.

- Seattle MESA also completed its 2006 Tech Matching Fund project. The Seattle MESA Robotics Academy engaged students of color and girls in computer science, teaching them computer programming through a fun, hands-on, collaborative robotics project and competition. The Robotics Academy took place on nine Saturdays during the school year, with MESA 11th and 12th grade students learning from industry and community volunteers, along with MESA alumni who are now college students. Upon completion of the Robotics Academy, students participated in a local robotics competition and brought robotics activities to youth and families at three community events in the Seattle area.
- We installed free Comcast cable Internet service at Seattle Housing Authority's Green Lake Plaza Community Council and the Fremont Chamber of Commerce.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OPERATIONS NEWS

- On August 31 the City will discontinue using its old email domain address: @ci.seattle.wa.us. Only email addressed to the new address @seattle.gov will be delivered, with a few specific exceptions. E-mail delivered to @ci.seattle.wa.us is mostly spam and junk mail.
- On February 22nd the Communications Shop began installing/replacing Video/MDC (mobile data computer) units in all SPD cars. We've finished the work in 242 vehicles and only have a few specialized vehicles remaining.
- DoIT's Telephone Services group has established an intern program with the Clover Park Technical School. We hired two students this last week to provide cable pulling and general telephone support functions. These interns join four Technology Access Foundation (TAF) interns already working in DoIT.