

# CTTAB

## September 11, 2007 Minutes

City of Seattle, Seattle Municipal Tower  
27th Floor, 700 – Fifth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98124

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

The August, 2007 minutes and September agenda were approved as written. Jerry Lin discussed requirements for pod casting equipment: it would have to be simple, require little or no training, and preferably be available within City supplies.

**2. Public Comment**

Ken Meyer discussed public access to meetings.

**3. CTO Report – Bill Schrier**

See attached. Schrier also announced that DoIT will be updating Council on the fiber broadband at the September 26 Energy and Technology Committee meeting.

**4. Committee Reports**

My Neighborhoods: Michael Davidson has spoken with Terry Wittman about the committee evaluating public mapping sources. Wittman had indicated that there are problems and unknowns with the public sources, so for the near term, the City will continue with a custom approach.

**5. Office of Broadband Report: Tony Perez**

Public outreach effort for the February 19, 2009 digital transition will likely begin in January. Achterman, Yuki, and Davidson volunteered to work with Novik on this effort.

Arbitration: in a recent AT&T case with ramifications for Comcast, a judge called mandatory arbitration “unconscionable” and halted the practice. Novik said that the WUTC held a workshop, in which she participated as WATOA president, seeking comments on what should be included and who sampled in a statewide broadband survey. The City and WATOA will be submitting formal comments as well. She added that Qwest is making the rounds in Olympia to

#### **6. Community Technology – David Keyes**

TMF contracts are being written and there will be a TMF recognition/education event on October 11. Keyes also reported that the Youth Commons went well – there were a lot of students and they indicated an interest in coming back. The Office also received almost 200 applications for its outreach and education position. A question was raised about content filtering at public access computing sites. CTTAB indicated a strong interest in participating on this issue.

#### **7. Wrap up and Adjourn**

Lin summarized the work items going forward: pod casting; dtv transition; evaluation of filtering at public access sites; and contacting state representatives regarding the importance of keeping cable franchising local.

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

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#### **Office of Cable/Broadband Communications, Director’s Report**

1. WA Supreme Court decision: The WA SC ruled that cities cannot assess the utility tax on phone company revenues generated from the sale of interstate telecom services. The ruling could potentially affect the ability of the City to assess the utility tax on information services like DSL and cable modem since the FCC has ruled that such services are inherently interstate.

2. Millennium:

- We have learned that effective October 1, 2007 Millennium will be renamed “Broadstipe”.
- We expect the City Council Energy and Technology Committee to vote on the proposed Millennium Franchise tomorrow. Council will also take up a resolution expressing concern about Millennium’s technical and customer service quality. The resolution will signal Council’s willingness to terminate Millennium’s franchise unless improvements are made.

3. FCC: The FCC rules regarding telecom cable franchising have gone into effect. The Cable Office has created a competitive entrant rule for handling franchise applications.

4. NATOA: The annual conference of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) will be held in Portland Oregon from October 2-6. The theme of this year's conference is: "Promoting Community Interests in Communications". Tony Perez, Bill Schrier and Gary Gibson will be among the presenters. In related news, Tony Perez, was elected to the NATOA Board of the Directors for a two-year term. For more information on NATOA visit [www.natao.org](http://www.natao.org).

5. Digital transition: We will be working on a public awareness campaign about the February 17, 2009 conversion of broadcast analog signals to digital.



# City of Seattle

Greg Nickels, Mayor

## Department of Information Technology

Bill Schrier, Chief Technology Officer

### Community Technology Report – September, 2007

#### Technology Matching Fund (TMF)

We have executed twelve (12) of the fifteen 2007 Tech Matching Fund contracts. The three remaining contracts have been written and are waiting for signatures. All the projects are underway. We have received initial project updates from Youth Media Institute, 826 Seattle, International District Housing Alliance, Somali Community Services, and Low Income Housing Institute. See the attached page for details on contract status and descriptions of a few project accomplishments.

**TMF OPEN HOUSE:** We are organizing an education and recognition event for the morning of Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. We hope CTTAB members will participate!

#### Youth Commons Project

Fifteen students in the youth commons summer training and design workshop successfully completed their six week term and created Puget Sound Off. A mock-up and



#### Seattle Youth Commons Mission Statement

The mission of the seattle youth commons is to provide seattle youth with a forum for discussion, artistic expression, and action as a way to empower and encourage youth to have a strong voice. The project aims be a catalyst for increasing youth involvement and engagement within the community while encouraging expression of one's beliefs, respect for others, and commitment to public service. We have faith in the ideal that by giving youth the opportunity to express their voice, they can have a successful future and better their communities.

early alpha web site were created. The teens had conversations about journalism and civic engagement with Councilmember Jean Godden and Viet Shelton from the Mayor's office. A number of the students want to return for the school year term. Samantha Moschek from DigitalAid has been retained to articulate the youth vision into a manageable site using the Drupal platform. We project a launch at the end of the year or early 2008, though some sections will be operable before that.

**September Brainstorm is out:** At [www.seattle.gov/tech/brainstorm](http://www.seattle.gov/tech/brainstorm) you'll find:

- Literacy Source Audio Books: Adults improve their reading skills using audio technology. Learn more!
- Helping Link Helps Vietnamese parents learn to use Seattle Schools "Source" student reporting center.
- New Beehive Feature: Seattle website now offers a variety of homework help resources.
- Security: Learn how to keep your computer from becoming a "botnet".
- Techtip: Get the skinny on Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP).
- Dollars: Opportunities for race and social justice funds, Climate Protection funds, and free website consulting.
- Linkage: It's Back to School time. Help students with these useful homework links.
- What's Hot: Meet DoIT's Deputy Director Erin Devoto and her top tips for project management; job opening at South Park lab; Seattle Channel audio podcasts; Seattle datasheet in Russian; and Community Technology days.
- Calendar: Fall training series from Communities Connect and NPower on outreach and marketing skills and on evaluation. Community Technology Day in Olympia in November.

### **WUTC State Broadband study**

Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission held a workshop on September 7<sup>th</sup> to scope and determine approach for their broadband deployment and adoption study. David Keyes, Tony Perez, and Jill Novik attended. Seattle's previous research (the IT Indicators and the cable community needs assessments) provided useful background. The WUTC is accepting comments on how they should proceed. The city is planning to submit comments. (See

<http://www.wutc.wa.gov/webimage.nsf/0/OC107F2AECEC013A8825733800684FCF> )

### **Internet Safety and Filtering**

We have received and will begin testing ISBossBox, an Internet filtering managed appliance, to ascertain how many public computers we can proxy to it. We hope to have this rolled out at our public terminals and labs by the end of the year, but it will depend upon the test results and determination of final costs. This is a stopgap measure and also provides research for a citywide staff computing filtering solution.

### **RecTech**

RecTech's program at Southwest Community Center was chosen as a site for an Adobe Youth Voices grant, providing a small amount of funds as well as software and training. The big news out of RecTech is that the Associated Recreation Council has decided to move Christina Arcidy, the central coordinator, to other ARC projects and keep the position open for three months in order to save funds and help offset a potential budget shortfall for next year. There will still be lab coordinators at all sites. David and Delia will be meeting with them Friday, Sept. 14th to learn more about the decision, determine the risk and how to proceed with our contracts with ARC/RecTech.

### **Seniors Training Seniors wins national recognition**

The *Seniors Training Seniors in Technology* program that we launched, with the Mayor's Office of Senior Citizens, received a 2007 Aging Achievement Certificate at the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging conference in San Francisco earlier this month. As a result, the national Best Practices Clearinghouse will feature *Seniors Training Seniors* on the Web. Council member Tom Rasmussen included an article on this in his Point of View newsletter. *Seniors Training Seniors* has grown to 35 volunteer instructors and more than 850 older adults sign up for training each year.

### **Hilltop Senior Housing Wi-Fi**

Thanks again to CTTAB member Tom Kee and Community Tech staff Derrick Hall for their work on installing the wi-fi at Hilltop House senior housing and CTTAB member Charles Brennick for his lead at Interconnections. According to program manager Karen Lewis, "28 of our residents are up and computing from their apartments with little to no difficulties. Six of our residents have purchased computers from Interconnections and are very satisfied with the quality of their systems."