

**CTTAB**  
**June 9, 2009 Minutes**  
2750 Seattle Municipal Tower  
700 Fifth Avenue

<p><b>Present</b> Nancy Gohring Richard Huff Will Little Karen Manuel Stuart Maxwell</p> <p><b>Excused</b> Jac DeHaan Tom Kee Marcos Martinez John Neuharth Joann Reiter Ted Schmitt Oren Sreenby Ann Suter</p>	<p><b>Absent</b> Fran Clifton Rob Holland Will Pugh</p> <p><b>City Staff</b> David Keyes Jill Novik Vicky Yuki</p> <p><b>Visitors</b> Andrew Gordon</p>
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**1. Call to order: Richard Huff chair** – called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m. The June agenda was amended to reflect that there would not be a CTO Report.

**2. Presentation: Andrew Gordon** – 2008 Information Technology Residential Survey  
(See att)

**3. Report of the Chair:** See att.

Huff asked current Get Engaged (GE) member Will Little what recommendations he would have for future members and CTTAB. Little said that working on the Technology Matching Fund was a valuable experience as was the monthly interaction with the GE members. From the latter, he learned that all boards and commissions are concerned about engagement, diversity and technology and could use CTTAB's help.

Due to the absence of a quorum, there was no action on May, 2009 minutes.

**4. Public Comment**

No public comment

**5. Committee Reports:**

Technology Collaboration Portal – there was some discussion about merging this committee with e-democracy.

Digital Transition: Novik reported that she had participated in a phone bank and on air interview at KIRO and it is clear that there are still people who are not prepared, despite our best efforts.

Puget Sound Off: Vicky Yuki announced that PSO won an award from Public Technology Institute, a non-profit dedicated to furthering the use of technology in and for local governments (see at Community Technology Report).

E-polling: with Will out, there was no report. It does not seem that the committee has finished edits of the final report and sent it to Council yet.

Podcasting: Huff distributed the latest version, adding that he would like to improve the part about working with other boards and commissions. The point he hopes to convey is how easy it is to podcast with a stand alone device. If using a computer, there are more points for possible failure.

## **6. Cable Office Report: Jill Novik**

Novik lauded Tony Perez for being one of three main writers of local governments' comments to the FCC on the broadband stimulus program.

## **7. Community Technology Report: David Keyes**

Keyes said that an intern will start with his office on June 18. He announced that the TMF recommendations will probably be presented to City Council on July 17 with a celebratory event likely in September.

Huff asked if the City had received any stimulus funds. Keyes said that they had, and progress could be tracked at [recover.seattle.gov](http://recover.seattle.gov).

## **8. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

### **CTTAB Chair Report June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

#### **Legal News on Municipal Broadband**

A June 7, 2009 article in MediaPost News' Online Media Daily by Wendy Davis reported that a Minnesota Court of Appeals ruled against a local telecommunications company that had sued the city of Monticello over their bond financed project to build a municipal fiber network. The telecommunications company had claimed that the broadband network couldn't be financed through bonds because it wasn't a public utility. The Court disagreed.

#### **Get Engaged Interviews**

Three Get Engaged candidates were interviewed on Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. All three were excellent candidates. The Mayor will make an appointment sometime during the next couple months, and the new Get Engaged representative will start this September.

#### **Halfway Point**

Today's meeting is the halfway point in this year's schedule. Six meetings remain, although it's fairly common that the August meeting is canceled due to members' holiday plans. My wedding is in September and the honeymoon is in October. It will be unlikely that I can make either meeting.

## **Community Technology Update: June 2009**

### **Public Technology Institute Award for Puget SoundOff project**

We have won an award from PTI for best web and e-gov services for a city in our size category. This award recognizes the unique opportunity we're providing for online youth civic engagement and the partnership between the City, Metrocenter YMCA, University of Washington Center for Communications and Civic Engagement and others. This project has been coordinated by David Keyes with Vicky Yuki in the Community Technology Program. In addition to online engagement, the project has been providing online curriculum on topics such as blogging and online civic engagement as well as on the ground

training for youth at Seattle youth organizations, including teams at Youth Media Institute and Rainier Vista Neighborhood House and Horn of Africa Services.

Puget Sound Off is currently featuring a contest to propose new laws (serious and funny), called Write a Bill. This was developed by youth in the program. See [www.pugetsoundoff.org](http://www.pugetsoundoff.org). Deadline is June 16th.

### **Community computer sites**

We've posted a new list of public facilities offering access to computers and the Internet at <http://www.seattle.gov/tech/freeaccess.htm>. All of our city public terminals are now running Service Pack 3 and Explorer 8. Derrick Hall has just installed six refurbished city computers to update old pc's at the International District Community Center

We are in the process of adding our tech center directory ([seattle.gov/tech/techmap](http://seattle.gov/tech/techmap)) to My Neighborhood Map. Over 225 locations offer computer access, training, and other technology services to residents living in the Seattle and King County area. Centers are located in libraries, community service organizations, schools and other civic and government buildings.

### **2009 Tech Matching Fund**

We've submitted the legislation for review by the Finance and Law departments, part of the process of getting it to Council. We are aiming for a July 15<sup>th</sup> Energy and Technology Committee meeting. We are looking at a September event for grantees and CTTAB members.

### **Center Park Resident Council - STAR Center - Technology Matching Fund project**

The 2008 TMF project timeline to upgrade their lab and provide assistive technology training to other CTC's (Community Technology Centers) has been extended in order to meet the target number of training participants. The STAR Center continues to provide technology access to low income residents with disabilities. Recently, a client shared a success in finding a job after using the center's services. Here's a note from the client "Thank you for your help with computers you showed me how to work a computer. You and computer center showed me how to go up and down the Internet so I could get a job. thank you for that. What I find was a class Heavy equipment training. Took the class two weeks ago .Today I called up my new boss and he said I have job working for next month"

### **Comcast Internet connections installed**

Comcast has begun installations of service at the University Food Bank, Washington Food Coalition, and Circle of Friends for Mental Health (providing art classes for mentally ill). Though they share one network in one location with fewer computers than many labs, Comcast required us to request three separate installs and charge three modems against our quota. An application has also gone in for the Sand Point Education Center.

### **Stimulus and Community Technology Update**

David is working with Microsoft and Communities Connect Network on a June 12th meeting for those interested in community technology and broadband adoption proposals. The meeting at Microsoft will feature Greg Rohde, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information and the Administrator of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) during the Clinton Administration. The meeting starts at 11 and presentations are planned to be streamed. See [www.communitiesconnect.org](http://www.communitiesconnect.org).

### **June Brainstorm Launched**

Vicky launched Brainstorm on Wednesday to over 1,400 addresses and other lists. This issue features the national Public Technology Institute award to the City of Seattle for the Puget SoundOff.org youth engagement project, the Blogs and Wikis page on Seattle.gov, Blogistics training on PugetSoundOff.org, blogs and wikis, DTV Coupons, TechREACH program award from Google, Microsoft's Online Tech Training

voucher program, Frayed Wire Art & Technology conference, a call for tech volunteers for September's Day of Caring, Security Tip on FTC Scam Prevention site, TechTip: Finding Good Tech Help, Dollars available, Adobe training for nonprofit youth organizations, web sites for Women in Technology month, ElectroCity simulation game; mobile applications; and more.

### **Tech Matching Fund**

The electronic version of the legislation has been submitted to DOF and Law. We are awaiting responses.

### **September Day of Caring: Tech help for labs**

We are working with Digital Promise again to recruit volunteers to help with computer lab installs and maintenance in September. Delia is coordinating.

### **Wired for Wireless? Towards Digital Inclusion and Next Generation Government Led Wireless Networks report**

This summary report that David Keyes served as an advisor on has been released and Seattle's wifi evaluation is cited. The report was prepared by the California Wireless Comparative Analysis and Best Practices Education Project, funded by the California Emerging Technology Fund and intended to complement the work of the CA Chief Information Office and the Broadband Task Force. Available at [www.cetfund.org/resources/information](http://www.cetfund.org/resources/information).