

CTTAB
January 12, 2010 Minutes
2750 Seattle Municipal Tower
700 Fifth Avenue

<p>Present John Neuharth Ted Schmitt Richard Huff Tom Kee Stuart Maxwell Jac DeHaan Will Pugh</p> <p>Excused</p>	<p>Absent Fran Clifton Karen Manuel Daniel Carillo Jr.</p> <p>City Staff Bruce Blood Nicole Schultz Delia Burke Tony Perez Bill Schrier</p> <p>Guests Ken Meyer Todd Achilles</p>
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1. Call to order: John Neuharth chair – called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Stuart put a device on the table to record the meeting. There was a motion to approve the agenda - agenda was approved. Neuharth motioned to approve the November 2009 minutes during the February 2010 meeting – motion was approved. Former Board Chair Richard Huff recognized two board members with plaques. Stuart Maxwell was recognized for perfect attendance while getting a masters degree. Ann Suter was not in attendance, but will receive a plaque for being a great networker and go-to person on the board. It was mentioned that she should receive a lifetime achievement award.

Committee assignment document and Brier Dudley’s Blog were distributed “*Comcast launching broadband meter: Watch your limit!*”

2. Public Comment – N/A

3. Chief Technology Officer Report: Bill Schrier

See attached

CTO Schrier also answered questions about the changes to compilation of the board. Schrier plans to meet with Mayor McGinn and Councilmember Harrell on how to proceed with 2010 board members appointments and representatives. All in attendance agreed to move Karen Manuel to the public access representative, Jac DeHaan to the education position, and to reappoint Will to the Council position. This will require approval from Harrell and McGinn.

Now that the board is condensed from 16 to 11, Richard made the point we need to change the board rules. This is to be addressed at the next meeting in February.

4. Bruce Blood –Public Engagement Portal (Portal, CityLink, Open Go 2.0 Conference, Communities Online Project) –

- Blood spoke about Mayor McGinn expressing the importance of open government. He plans to have a prototype of the Portal to Council and Harrell by March. He will have a better idea in February how to get CTTAB more involved and welcomes ideas from members.
- Data.seattle.gov had a soft launch. 58 data sets up.
- He spoke about how the city's blogs are an ongoing news feeds and growing, and that Mayor McGinn likes them. Working on combining all blogs into one area. Work continues with DON on the communities' online project. Good examples include: Neighborhood councils or a neighborhood block watch.
- The Open Government West Conference will be on March 26 & 27. The first day Friday, March 26 will be held in the Bertha Knight Landes Conference room in City Hall. The second day will be a half day at Adobe – will be an unconference. Bruce continues to work with Sarah Schacht to plan the event details. Trying to make the conference as regional as possible. CTTAB members will be invited to attend.

5. Delia Burke – Technology Matching Fund

See Attached timeline.

The Deadline for the TMF is March 8th. There will Grant information sessions: Wednesday, February 3rd at Delridge Community Center from 10:30a.m.-12:00p.m. and Saturday, February 6th at Miller Community Center from 10:30a.m.-12:00p.m.

At the end of the meeting during Committee Reports- CTTAB discussed having everyone on the board be involved with the TMF. Stuart brought up a good point that some members might not have the time commitment required to help. It was also mentioned bringing in members from last year to help again. They will work with David and Delia on how to be supportive during the work sessions, grant reviews. Jac DeHaan will continue as lead. Jac will also look into who is available to help from the board via email.

6. Cable Office Report: Tony Perez

Tony gave a 55 minute Broadband presentation. He began by speaking about Carlota Perez's book *Technological Revolutions & Financial Capital*. The report focused on the history of technological revolutions and where we are today. The USA is falling behind other countries like the Netherlands, South Korea and Japan that are moving forward with fiber- to- the home networks. He used the website www.ftthcouncil.org to illustrate the superiority of fiber over copper connections when running various applications. .

There was discussion about cable companies and their profits. Broadband is a threat to the business models of cable and phone companies. It is against the economic interests of these companies to promote the public interest in broadband.

Fiber to the Home would be a natural monopoly so best if it was owned by the community, like roads or electrical systems. You want a neutral owner with open access and no discrimination, and you want to make it affordable and accessible for to the public.

7. Committee Reports: At the March retreat there will be new assignments. They discussed TMF (See number5).

Richard had two committee reports to present.

Richards report - The Broadband/FTTH Committee held three formal meetings since the last CTTAB meeting in November.

- Wednesday, November 18, 2009 – Guest: Mayor Elect, Mike McGinn
- Wednesday, December 2, 2009 – Guest: Technology Journalist, Glenn Fleishman
- Wednesday, January 6, 2009 – Guests: Reclaim the Media’s Jonathan Lawson & Jerome Woody

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2009.

Membership

The committee membership consists of current and emeritus CTTAB members, City of Seattle employees, and community and technology leaders – not just current CTTAB members.

Work Plan

The committee has developed a work plan and is swiftly executing the goals from that plan. Those goals include briefings with the Mayor’s office, briefings with Council Members, and community organizing/outreach.

Richard also found that pod-casting has four times the downloads than the minutes, sometimes seven times difference. Podcasts are expected to grow.

8. Board Business

Discussed the retreat and possibly touring something besides the Seattle Channel. The retreat is scheduled for March 9. Tony is going to look into a contact for the Westin.

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