



# CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

Information & Technology Services

## Bloomington Digital Underground BDUAC Meeting Memorandum

Per the state disaster emergency order that ended March 3rd, 2022, this meeting was held in a hybrid format with board members attending both virtually and in person.

### **Thursday, December 1st, 2022 4PM**

Location: McCloskey room, Zoom  
Facilitator: Rick Dietz  
Board Attendance In Person: Mike Allen, Chris Robb, Mike Sullivan  
Board Attendance Remote: Marianne Chitwood  
Staff Attendance: Rick Dietz  
Members of the public: None

Also present from Hoosier Fiber Networks: Bill Abston and Brian Thomasin

### **ITS Department Updates**

- Board Member terms are ending from Mike Allen, Chris Robb and Mike Trotzke.
  - Robb and Allen and BPW/Admin appointees which will be addressed soon.
  - Allen's appointment is through a diff process – Council.
- The Wifi in the Parks effort, an element of the Digital Equity Strategic Plan, is moving along.
  - People's Park and 3rd street (Buskirk) park is complete and live. PR to go out soon.
  - Butler and Crestmont are beginning construction. Coordinating with MCCSC on these parks.
  - Plannin gto do Seminary park as well.
- ITS received a "Best of Indiana Award as Indiana Digital Government summit for our data portal and dashboards.
- Major software projects are at launch: EPL and CiviForm

### **City-wide Fiber Broadband Initiative**

Dietz Overview: The City Meridiam project is in the operations phase now. Multiple organizations are involved. Meridiam has established a fully-owned local company called HFN Hoosier Fiber Networks. They are based in Bloomington but will serve and coordinate all Indiana operations. AEG(Atlantic Engineering Group) is Meridiam's construction partner in

Bloomington and Columbus. AEG has at least two subcontractors now working in Bloomington.

Network construction is happening in 3 Zones, at least 7 zones are now through the permitting process. AEG is deploying door hang tags in construction areas and will be updating those to including contact information for GBN. GigabitNow (GBN) is the ISP and will be the face of the project to Bloomington Residents. They are spinning up their activities.

HFN Updates: Hiring staff now. Working with Duke on pole access. Making arrangements for offices. Securing local drop contractors now. Online map coming soon from GigabitNow GBN.

Rick: presented Digital Equity DE Map

Contact information for public/staff:

**For information about ongoing fiber construction and ISP services, Bloomington residents should call or email GigabitNow Support at [support@gigabitnow.com](mailto:support@gigabitnow.com) or 1-866-748-8066. More information will be available soon at <https://www.gigabitnow.com/bloomington/> including a construction/service status map.**

#### **Member Reports (Items not on the agenda)**

Robb:DoE project in Trades garage - complete in 6-8 months for 7-9 current staff plus possible more. Space to be modular.

Marianne - more staff from IU departments moving in to CIB.

Dietz: Last meeting of Year. Exciting times. Thanks for service and support over last year. Happy holidays to all.

Meeting adjourned

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