



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

Information & Technology Services

Memorandum Bloomington Digital Underground Advisory Committee

Bloomington City Hall, 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana
McCloskey Room and on Zoom
Thursday, June 6th, 2024

Meeting called to order: 4:05 pm
Facilitated by Rick Dietz.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members present: Chris Robb, Mike Trotzke, Marianne Chitwood, Mike Allen,

Board Members present via Zoom: Andy Koop, Michelle Cole

Board absent: Mike Sullivan

City staff, officials, and guests present: Rick Dietz, Victoria Jones, Dave Brodin, Eric Ost

Dietz: Welcomes new board member Andy Koop, then continues with introductions around the room and online.

ITS Department Updates

- Public parks Wi-Fi update: The Seminary Park Wi-Fi project is nearing completion. Previous delays from supply chain issues have been resolved.
- The ITS Department will assist with implementing the Building Trades Park Wi-Fi and networking needs. This location is to be located across from the hospital.
- ARPA updates: ITS has several ARPA funding projects in various stages of progress. ITS is working to utilize as much of the funding source as possible. The Digital Equity ARPA funding will build on the 2020 survey with the 2024 survey and map out the new strategic plan.
- The ITS Department received the Smart Cities award at their recent conference for the City's work with Google.org to develop applications that allow citizens to connect with City resources.
- The IU Data Center agreement has been finalized. A kickoff meeting will be held soon to plan for moving equipment into the IU Data Center for local cloud hosting and backup services.
- The 2024 Digital Equity Grant application is open to nonprofits until June 14th. A meet and greet was hosted by ITS staff to share more about the grant process and answer questions.

City-wide Fiber Broadband Initiative

- Chris Broden with Hoosier Fiber reported on recent Bloomington fiber work with three slides detailing their progress.
- Slide 1 presented a map of Bloomington outlining the completed and active construction sections to the east and north of the city.
- Slide 2 charted the construction progress of cumulative conduit feet and units passed.
- Slide 3 was a timeline indicating when preventable utility strikes per mile occurred. May incidents were lower and Hoosier Fiber attributes this to the improved relationships with their subcontractors.
- Broden still reported completion to be ahead of schedule in 2025.

MEMBER REPORTS (Items not on the agenda)

- Marianne Chitwood reported that IU is hiring Network Engineers, service desk staff, and systems professionals. The flex technology network upgrade is in the bidding process, and the Network Main contract has been signed.
- Mike Trotzke shared that the Kilm Building project is progressing, with an electrical box supply chain delay until December. Temporary power is available. Additionally, the first term sheets have been sent out, and currently making investor calls. They are hiring two Engineers and a Designer.
- Chris Robb committed earlier in the meeting that their site is making progress with the newly signed contract with the City of Bloomington, under which the City is responsible for the building infrastructure and The Mill is providing furnishings.
- Andy Koop continues to work with the new Superintendent on MCCSC projects and the distribution of new laptops to MCCSC High Schools.

ADJOURNMENT [4:44 pm]

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