BDU / Technology Infrastructure Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: November 01, 2018, 4PM

Location: Bloomington City Hall McCloskey Room

Board Attendance: Mike Trotzke, Mike Allen, Mike Sullivan, Eric Dockendorf, Marianne

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Staff Attendance: Rick Dietz

Rick Dietz reported on CoB activities:

Mill & Trades:

- Mill ribbon cutting was yesterday/Halloween. Mill is very nice facility with lots of promise. Mike Trotzke: Mike & Brad from Spoutbox will have an office.
- Trades: Infrastructure is mostly completed in the next few weeks. City has conduit in event it is needed.

Fiber Initiative:

- RFI Respondent is pulling back from prospective partnership with City. On the ground network design survey revealed more competing infrastructure than their business model supports. They are especially concerned about AT&T even though AT&T is not actively marketing FTTP in Bloomington. The presence of pedestals in some areas concerns them, AT&T FTTP is limited. We know that AT&T runs fiber to MDUs with sporadic FTTP, and we think that is what Metronet is seeing. We are continuing to work with Metronet to better understand their concerns.
- We will be looking to prospects we have talked to before (Ting, Allo, Smithville) and some new possibilities (Nexus Connectivity).
- Board generally supportive of continued efforts to secure FTTP throughout community. Erik D suggests considering reissue of RFI, updated to reflect what we've learned and to see of the marketplace is different from 2 years ago.

Bicentennial IT Timeline

For the City Bicentennial Rick D. hired local historian Matin Minner to develop a history and timeline of information & communication technology in Bloomington. Members reviewed a draft timeline. This project will be posted online by the end of the year.