

## **BDU / Technology Infrastructure Advisory Committee**

Meeting Date: February 07, 2018, 4PM

Location: Bloomington City Hall McCloskey Room

Board Attendance: Eric Dockendorf, Michelle Cole, D. Mike Allen

Staff Attendance: Rick Dietz, Alex Crowley

Rick Dietz administrative updates:

- Severe storms and flooding kept a few members away today.
- Mike Trotzke and Chris Robb were re-appointed by the Board of Public Works.

Alex Crowley: Trades District infrastructure is wrapping up. The City is working on a marketing package for Trades properties. The parking garage will be breaking ground in October with completion in the Fall of 2020. The Mill is going well. The Pedcor development will open in August. The City is working on massing plans for the Trades District, to find the right balance of office and residential uses.

Rick Dietz reported on CoB activities:

- Fiber Initiative:
  - We recently talked with Smithville. They have no active plans to expand residential fiber in Bloomington beyond their current neighborhoods. They are interested in continuing conversations with us.
  - AT&T has informed us they have no significant FTTP plans. They run fiber in support of MDUs and are largely focussed on infrastructure for 5G. Residential fiber availability is limited.
  - We shared our recent conversations with Smithville and AT&T with an interested RFI respondent. They are taking another look at Bloomington based on recent developments.
- Comcast has indicated that they might start offering dark fiber in Bloomington. We have provided information on city facilities that we would like to include in our network.
- The Bicentennial History timeline and narrative were posted online. Thanks for board feedback on this.

Michelle Cole: Envisage is hiring, hiring, hiring: 16 people just this month. They are also trying to navigate downtown parking challenges for their staff.

Eric Dockendorf: It would be great to get Crane development activities into the Trades District; it would be the perfect place to attract talent. Further south is hard for relocations. It takes two years for something like this to move forward.