Community Technology Advisory Commission
Feb. 18, 2021
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

1. Call to order – roll call
   Meeting started 6:01 p.m. by videoconference
   Present: Bruce Browning, Kelly Heitz, Cindy Hoffman, Abe Levine, Rolf Peterson, Theo Pohlen, Mike Siegler
   Guests: Aaryn Anderson, Jonathan Ralton, Sandeep Sinha, Shawn Wood
   Staff: John McHugh, Clint Pires, Jacque Smith

2. Adoption of agenda
   Browning moved, Siegler seconded, all voted in favor of adopting the agenda with a change committee report order – connected community will present first.

3. Approval of minutes: Jan. 28, 2021
   Browning moved, Heitz seconded. All voted in favor of approving the minutes as presented.

4. Smart cities initiative

   Committee reports
   • Connected community
     Siegler presented the connected community slide deck. Levine asked about the fact that it was most focused on residential connectedness, rather than mobile. Siegler said following up with community research will help determine what use is most needed. Pires asked about identifying geographical areas of need and potential partnerships with ISPs and suggested these two items be made clear in the presentation. Anderson reviewed slide 9 that covered options for various ISP models from metro ethernet, to public/private partnership, to private LTE/5G. He also pointed to slide 14 with information about identifying geographic locations. Browning asked if CenturyLink and US Internet would provide coverage maps; Pires responded that we can ask CenturyLink. He stated we have good idea of the coverage of US Internet.

   • GIS-enabled use cases
     Heitz presented the GIS-enabled use case slide deck. Levine suggested emphasizing integration of disparate data which then feeds into the drawbacks of maintaining the status quo – without integrating data it’s difficult for anyone but the user to access. Anderson agreed that data is often in a silo and providing a common platform makes access easier. Pires said the current federal administration is more inclined to take action on climate and race equity efforts in the next four years, and it the city doesn’t have data ready and available it may miss opportunities in these areas.

   • Environmental
     Levine presented the environmental slide deck. Browning asked if there’s a starting place for initiatives. Levine responded it was the pedestrian/bike counters and research related to this effort. Ralton mentioned use of these counters in Boston, which is now discussing interacting with apps
such as Strava to determine where bicyclists have come from and where they are going, rather than
counting them only at one point. Pires said city engineering staff is undertaking the policy work
related to Connect the Park. The commission can help with research to support that policy work.
Pires was interested in video sensors and the possibility of multiple functions.

**March 8 city council study session**
Pires reviewed the draft plan for the March 8 presentation to city council. He suggested adding the
slide decks presented at this meeting to the March 8 council packet so that council members can
have time to review them. Levine agreed and suggested that each committee pick five top slides to
focus on during their presentation March 8. Smith asked for all final slide decks to be sent to her by
end of day Friday, Feb. 26, to be included in the council materials. Wood said he would cover
providing an overview of Insight to the council. Petersons suggested providing the committee
reports in the same order to council as was presented tonight. Pires said the order of environment,
connected community and GIS should stay in place so that council ends with an understanding of
how GIS can support initiatives of environment and connected community. Peterson agreed with
that reasoning.

5. **2021 meetings**
   Next meeting is March 18, 6 p.m., by videoconference.

6. **Adjourn**
   Browning moved, Pohlen seconded to adjourn, all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.