



CITIZEN INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY PANEL

Quality Services for a Quality Community

MINUTES

August 16, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Courtroom 1

54B District Court

101 Linden St.

MEMBERS

Margy Barile
East Lansing

Dennis Bond
East Lansing

Doug Couto
East Lansing

Lauren Douglass
East Lansing

Jonathan Irvin
East Lansing

Thasin Sardar
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Bruce Edwards
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City Council Liaison
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1. CALL TO ORDER

a. OPENING

Couto called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

b. ROLL CALL

At the taking of the roll, panel members Irvin, Barile, Douglass and Edwards were absent. Chris King, the City's IT systems engineer was in attendance.

c. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JULY 19, 2017

Couto was unable to retrieve the minutes and requested that the approval be postponed until the September 20, 2017 meeting.

2. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

None received.

3. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Couto reached out to Janet Lillie, MSU Assistant Vice President for Community Relations, Office of Government Affairs to see who would be the best contact for the CITP to work with promoting any mutual activities that evolve from technology investments. Lillie asked for a copy of the CITP organizing document to review. She will get back with Couto.

Couto discussed the need for the panel to produce a report to city council, by the end of the year, with recommendations for the long term. Couto discussed the concept of smart cities (digital cities) and whether some of their services could be researched by the panel members and ultimately implemented at the City of East Lansing.

In a response to some panel members concerns expressed in previous meetings, Crane presented the group with a draft of a letter expressing the need for the City of East Lansing to transform into a digital government. Crane explained how the transformation from e-government to a digital government would ultimately address many of the specific requests and concerns of the panel members. The letter detailed some of the changes that would be necessary to make this transition. Crane expressed his confidence that aligning technology to the city strategy would create public value.

Bond questioned the ability and the extent of the panel's authority.

In response, Altmann stated that there are at least three ways that the panel could add value: First, the advisory panel could act as a sounding board for the City of East Lansing's Information Technology department and provide recommendations to the city council; Second, the panel could act as citizen representatives to make suggestions about how technology can benefit the City; Lastly, the panel could spend some time researching digital services being provided by other municipalities and evaluate other systems. Altmann suggest that two hours of research by each panel member each month would produce a

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wealth of opportunities for the City to consider. The panel asked Couto work on assignments of leading digital cities.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. SENIOR PRIMETIME UPDATE

Couto updated the panel that the Prime Time Senior program is setting up a co-sponsored cybercrimes session and would like the CITP to help with the Livable City survey and expand their technology courses.

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7. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND ACTION ITEMS

Sardar is going to work with Irvin to update the list from past discussions and recommend a format for presenting various projects/ideas. Couto agreed to check with Michigan State University and attempt to contact Janet Lillie, the AVP for Community Relations who agreed to connect the CITP with the MSU Innovation Group. Couto stated that she also proposed that we tour the “technology incubator” to discuss how we might work together to encourage startups within the City of East Lansing. Edwards’ presentation on open data has been deferred to the September 20, 2017 meeting.

8. REPORT BY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND ACTION ITEMS

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Couto at 8:59 p.m.