

MEETING MINUTES
Information Technology Advisory Commission
(ITAC)
Wednesday 7:30 pm
May 23rd, 2018
Arlington County Courthouse Building
Room 311
Arlington County, VA 22201

In attendance:

Chair: Frank Jazzo

ITAC Members Present: Mary Crannell, Vice Chair
Phil Caughran
Josh Farrar
Dr. Denise Haskins
David Husband
Martha Moore
Anita Nolen
Kevin Robins

Not Present: Mike Carleton (Excused)
Dr. William Lang
Dan Laredo (Excused)
Patrick South

Others present: Jack Belcher, DTS CIO
George Parr, DTS Staff Liaison
Louise Anderson, Verizon
Marie Schuler, Comcast
Michael Novak, resident
Unknown resident

1. Meeting Called to Order - A quorum was not present at 7:30 pm but one was reached at 8:30 pm when a seventh ITAC member arrived
2. Public Comment - Two residents in attendance introduced themselves
3. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting (April 25th, 2018) -
The draft agenda for this meeting and the draft minutes from the prior meeting were approved without comment.
4. Patricia Carroll - Arlington County's Liaison to the Virginia General Assembly and Governor's office to discuss County Board's solicitation of legislative recommendations from County Advisory Boards".

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Ms. Carroll made the following remarks:

- County Board Chair Katie Cristol recently sent an email to all Advisory Boards requesting legislative recommendations for the County Board to consider before sending its legislative package to the Virginia general assembly when their session convenes next January
- Ms. Carroll said that the County Board is taking a new approach to soliciting such recommendations this year by starting the process earlier than in the past.
- Typically, Ms. Carroll sought recommendations from the advisory boards in the Spring and Summer and County staff in the fall. Once the recommendations were gathered, a public hearing was held in November and the Board adopted a final package in December.
- Ms. Carroll said proposed legislation has a much better chance of passing if it is backed by a coalition. To that end, Arlington wants to begin this process earlier so that its legislative recommendations can be considered and possibly backed by the Virginia Association of Counties and the Virginia Municipal League (VML). For each group to consider and support the County's package, the County must adopt it earlier than December as the VML, for example, meets at the end of May and adopts its package on October 2nd. She added Arlington has an advantage as it belongs to both groups.
- Ms. Carroll said that the new accelerated schedule calls for the County Board's public hearing on its legislative package in September with adoption by the Board in October. Ms. Carroll added that they're trying this for the first time to see if it works.
- The 2019 General Assembly will meet beginning January 9th and continue for six weeks through February 23rd. About 3000 bills are introduced each session.
- Ms. Carroll said that ITAC can be most effective by prioritizing its recommendations. She said it's better to decide what most important rather than submit a list of twenty things you want passed.
- Ms. Carroll also said it helps to take a two, three and five-year approach to getting legislation introduced and later passed. She explained it often takes years to get state wide support for an initiative. Without that support, she said a recommendation that's backed only by one locality has little chance.
- Ms. Carroll said she has counterparts in other Virginia localities. She said this group is a good source of soliciting support for proposed legislation. She added there are other state and municipal organizations that can lend support too, such as other ITACs.

4. Patricia Carroll, County's state liaison - (continued)

- To meet Katie Cristol's request for advisory boards to submit their legislative recommendations, Frank Jazzo asked the members to send their recommendations via e-mail to either himself or the ITAC staff coordinator George Parr so they can be discussed and determined at the June meeting.
- Past recommendations include the state loosening restrictions of municipalities ability to offer lit broadband services and the state providing technology and policies that allow elderly residents to age in place.

5. DTS CIO Report (Jack Belcher) - Next Digital Destiny presentation on June 6th at Central Library. The topic: How Technology Will Affect Employment in 10 Years. Networking at 6:00 pm while presentation set to begin at 6:30 pm.

6. Administrative and Other Issues:

- Broadband Committee Update - Mary Crannell
To present final report to County Manager on June 20
- Verizon Update - Northern Fairlington approved redesign of plan
- Comcast Update - No news to report
- Summer Meeting - E mail vote to cancel July or August
- Upcoming Events - (i.e. County Fair) - Suggest consolidating commissions into one. Economic Development Commission (EDC) suggests that chair and vice chair of ITAC make presentation to EDC while chair (Sally Duran) and vice chair (Frank Poli) of EDC make presentation to ITAC. To be scheduled.

7. Cable Administrator's Report (George Parr)

County Manager's office to begin study into the question of consolidating ATV and AIM, where the latter would take over production of government programming.

8. Regulatory & Legislative Update (Frank Jazzo)

- Virginia Governor Northam signed SB 405 to ease siting of small cells.
- Verizon's CEO announced that Verizon is looking for an Over-the-Top (OTT) video partner to bundle with its 5G wireless services.
- Comcast told the FCC that it plans to adopt Shaken/Stir call authentication standards aimed at fighting spoofed robocalling.

9. Good of the Order

10. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

