

Chairman Frank Jazzo Called meeting to order at 7:34 on 27 June 2018, Arlington County Building

Attendance:

Marie Schuler from Comcast

Louise Anderson from Verizon an excused absence

Not attending

Denise Haskins – excused absence

Attending:

Frank Jazzo, Chair

Mary Crannell, Vice Chair

Kevin Robins

David Husband

Bill Lang

Anita Nolen

Martha Moore

Phil Caughran

Joshua Farrar

Jack Belcher, CIO Arlington County

Segundo Aponte, Arlington County Technical Support for ITAC

Discussion Items

- Discussed the possibility of accessing County parking to ease parking challenges.
- Frank mentioned to Katie Kristol and John Vihstadt – Frank made the initial contact

MOTION: Phil made a motion that parking be followed up on – Martha Moore seconded. Motion – use of parking places in this building (at night) be available for Commission members.

Announcement of Staff Role Changes:

- Segundo will provide technical support and archive each ITAC meeting.
- Minutes will be sent from the Commission to be uploaded on the web (ITAC members will be recording minutes for each meeting)
- Any actions ITAC executes will be uploaded on the website
- George Parr's position (ITAC County Administrator) is eliminated.
- David Mota will be coordinating franchise agreements.

ITAC members attending reviewed minutes.

Approval of the minutes – Martha Moore made a motion to adopt May 2018 minutes – there was unanimous approval.

ITAC Reviewed legislative recommendations to propose for Arlington County Agenda:

ITAC brainstormed ideas to be considered for the state legislative agenda:

- David Husband sent a proposal to provide County permission to convert from dark fiber to lit fiber.
- Martha Moore reintroduced monitoring for the elderly – suggested funding a pilot program for the elderly
- Martha Moore also suggested a technology solution to address traffic patterns. “Yield street” – use technology to decrease speed limit automatically. Where a street has two-way traffic and parking on both sides reduce speed limit to 15 miles per hour – would need permission from the legislature to leverage this technology to monitor traffic patterns. Technology solution – ability to check and see which cars are going by – trigger the lighting of signs to indicate a speed limit change when traffic volume on the street increases.
- Mike Carleton – permit County to provide in kind services to offer dark fiber to any non-profit organizations.
- Joshua Farrar – net neutrality State-wide (definition of net neutrality at State level) classes of service depending on content you consume. Service provider charges for different kinds of content. Underlying infrastructure company cannot distinguish. Federal Trade Commission will be enforcing their authority in this space. FCC Title 2 classification gave the FCC jurisdiction over common carrier. FTC jurisdiction is clearer. Should we go to State Govt and request an additional bulwark?
- Mike Carleton – limit cost of telephone charges --in the County Jail
- Mary Crannell – increase digital literacy – proposed a “broadband adoption account.” This account is intended to provide grants to community groups and local governments that teach digital literacy classes, provide typing classes, provide free computers, and give advice to families on how to find and subscribe to low-cost internet service.
- Phil Caughran – commented that the State used to have a Secretary of Technology – this position was eliminated – suggested the Secretary of Technology position be reinstated. This role was a cabinet level position integrating info technology policy for the State. Purpose – maintain economic advantage. Virginia as an entity does not appear to have this kind of entity. Aspects of innovation and data privacy are critical to the State’s future. This role could provide policy advice and support. In addition, it could serve as an information sharing hub and clearing house – best practices for Virginia that make the State more competitive.

Discussion of legislative agenda items:

Bill Lang asked if there is a State counterpart for ITAC? There is not a State counterpart to the Information Technology Advisory Commission.

Phil commented that none of the proposed agenda items are unimportant so perhaps we could pursue some of the ideas separately.

In addition, Phil noted there are some things we could pursue on our own as a Commission.

For example, item 3 – could the County Traffic Engineering address the yield street issue? ITAC will revisit this issue later.

The Commission discussed each recommendation to decide which recommendations will be proposed to be considered for the legislative agenda.

There may be some agenda items that other groups would be appropriate to propose. For example, the digital literacy proposal could receive support from the Coalition with Adult Education. ITAC will discuss with Pat Carroll who serves as a County liaison with the State.

Next Step

ITAC Commission identified four items and delegated Frank Jazzo and Mary Crannell the task of crafting a letter to Pat Carroll suggesting the following four legislative items:

- Reinstatement of State level Secretary of Technology
- Allow municipalities to convert dark fiber to lit fiber
- Pilot an Elderly Monitoring System
- Create a Broadband Adoption Fund to increase digital literacy

Information Gathering

Joshua Farrar will research the ten States who have taken stands on net neutrality.

ITAC will consider telephone rates for families of prisoners. (FCC is monitoring—ongoing review)

Open Data Update from David Husband

Creating recommendations for the County Manager. Will be doing presentations to various groups in the fall.

Open Data group would provide a formal presentation. David Husband is on the privacy subcommittee. Performed an open data risk assessment on Seattle, WA

ITAC will be briefed in the Fall.

Clarification -- Open Data reports to County Manager. ITAC advises the County Board.

Joshua Farrar commented that there are different types of data education data, health data, County data.

ITAC Term Expirations and Extensions

- David Husband would like to be reappointed.
- Anita Nolen will yield her reappointment – she has served six years! Thank YOU so much for your dedicated service!
- Bill Lang has expressed interest in serving on Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission (EPAC)

Next ITAC Meeting

- ITAC will next meet Wednesday, August 22nd at 730pm
- There will be no meeting in July.

ITAC Activities and Speakers for the Fall

- Waiting to hear if Commissions will be participating in the County Fair (scheduled for 15 August – 19 August)
- ITAC Chair will meet with Economic Development Council and Economic Development Council will meet with ITAC

Regulatory and Legislative Update

- Metro Wireless Update – Free customer Wi-Fi will be available in all stations by 6/20/19.
- Metro Center to Rosslyn – Cell phone coverage to be completed by 9/30/18.
- FCC held a webinar on the Emergency Alert System (EAS) on issues affecting state and local governments. The webinar should be archived on FCC site.
- The FCC will be voting on an EAS item on its July meeting to change rules to avoid false alerts, such as the incident in Hawaii earlier this year.
- Verizon had a 911 outage in our area. Jack heard it was a cut line in Fairfax because they rely on a Central Office for all of Arlington. Ask Verizon for details at next meeting.
- Net neutrality – FCC's Restoring Internet Freedom Order – prior Title 2 common carrier regulations rolled back on 6/11/18. FTC now has jurisdiction
- FCC proposing to modernize cable leased access rules
- Wilson, NC – extended muni fiber network to neighboring community called Pine Tops, NC, but the system is being bought by commercial provider, which could compete with Suddenlink.
- On June 27, 2018, FCC Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel announced availability of model agreements that were used in San Jose for 5G small cell deployment.

Arlington County CIO Announcements

- Segundo will be available for each meeting to support live stream of ITAC meetings
- Agenda and minutes will be digital – no paper copies available – we are going green!
- Joe Pelton advised that NSF awarded a Smart City study grant to Planet Defense, LLC, which will include Arlington County.
- Arlington County received the Community Broadband and Digital Equity Award for Digital Inclusion. Congratulations to Jack and his team!

Announcements

- Josh Farrar reference Supreme Court Decision – telephone tracking – link to fourth amendment <https://www.cnet.com/news/supreme-court-says-warrant-necessary-for-phone-location-data/>

Adjourn

David Husband moved to adjourn, and Martha Moore seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.