



7:30 PM, Wednesday, September 28, 2016  
1st Floor Conference Room Azalea-Rm 103  
Courthouse Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Blvd.  
Arlington, VA

**MEETING MINUTES**

**In attendance:**

**Chair:** Frank Jazzo

**ITAC Members Present:** Mary Crannell, Vice Chair (On Phone)  
Phil Caughran  
Dan Laredo  
Joshua Farrar  
Martha Moore  
David Husband  
Kenneth Cohn  
Kevin Robins

**Members Not Present:** Ben Faatz  
William Lang  
Anita Nolen  
Robert Schill

**County/Schools Staff:** Rob Billingsley, Cable Administrator (by phone)  
Jack Belcher, CIO  
Holly Hartell, DTS

**Cable Company Representatives:** Marie Schuler, Comcast  
Louise Anderson, Verizon

1. **Meeting called to order by Frank Jazzo, ITAC Chair**  
7:30 pm; Quorum present; Meeting Agenda approved.
2. **Public Comment:** *None.*
3. **Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting:** August 2016 Minutes approved and adopted.

#### 4. Administrative and Other Issues

- ITAC Membership Status – ITAC is at full strength with 13 members.
- Review of Annual Schedule of Meetings for 2016
  - Next meeting is October 26, 2016. Victor Hoskins, Director of AED will present the County’s economic development efforts and how technology relates to those.
  - On November 16, 2016, ITAC will meet at Arlington Independent Media studios, at 2701 Wilson Boulevard for a tour of the facilities and a public meeting .
  - ITAC will meet one week earlier in December, as usual to allow for holiday schedules.
- Member Phil Caughran has been appointed to the AIM Board. Phil is anxious for the AIM and ITAC Boards to have members attend each other’s meeting.

#### 5. DTS Strategic Directions (Holly Hartell, DTS; Jack Belcher, )

- Holly Hartell announced the upcoming “Digital Destiny” event at the Shirlington Library to include Shawn DuBravac, who wrote the book, with the same title, about charting our digital future, but by thinking differently and new ways with a long-term view. By holding meetings such as this DTS hopes to get more of the community involved in their own digital future. The event is open to the public and will also be broadcast over a YouTube channel. The next event will be November 29th on mobility with Dennis Leach, the County’s Director of Transportation, and Sokwoo Rhee, head of the NIST Smart Cities Global Challenge program. Other meetings on related topics will continue to held in the community.
- Holly also announced that Mr. Belcher and Shawn DuBravac would appear the next day, September 29<sup>th</sup> on the TMI radio show put on by AIM’s new radio station, WERA, the low power FM station at 96.7 FM.
- Mr. Belcher also discussed just what does it mean to be a Smart City and to meet the challenge of “drowning in data” and what can be done with them. Raising awareness of data patterns across the County Departments needs to improve to make data more actionable. Increasing awareness with the community and the Board in other technological areas such as small cell antennas and “Internet of Things” is also needed to understand the capability and benefits.
- Holly and Mr. Belcher discussed recent efforts toward a Smart Cities “Roadmap” that will require more input from the community, but will help define new digital strategy goals to take advantage of the changing technology landscape. Belcher also described recent efforts within DTS to research new technologies.

**6. Regulatory & Legislative update (Frank Jazzo)**

- At its September meeting, the FCC will consider an item to improve wireless emergency alert (WEA) content, delivery and testing.
- At its September meeting the FCC is scheduled to consider an item to permit consumers to use a device of their choosing to access multichannel video programming instead of leasing devices from their cable or satellite service providers.
- Arlington was ranked as the best place to live in America according to a report by Niche, which considered schools, family life, nightlife, jobs and health and fitness.
- Metro is placing handheld bullhorns into all of its trains to enhance communications to passengers when there are problems with the public announcement system or speakers.
- On September 26, the FCC hosted an info session on Technology Transitions (formerly referred to as the IP Transition) to inform consumers how the switch from copper networks to new technologies will affect them.
- A recent report warned that cellphones could be used in a telephony denial of service (TDoS) that could adversely impact 911 service.
- FCC Commissioner O’Rielly wrote to WMATA urging that a Wi-Fi pilot project at six Metro stations be continued past the scheduled 45 day duration.
- Verizon has filed a copper retirement network change notification indicating that it planned to retire certain copper facilities and replace them with fiber facilities from its Falls Church Wire Center.
- The FCC will not appeal the Sixth Circuit’s decision overturning the FCC’s preemption of state laws limiting municipal broadband buildouts.

**7. Cable Administrator’s Report (Billingsley)**

- County and Comcast are still negotiating and have agreed on having the franchise extended to October 31, 2016 and the Board approved the extension at the September meeting. Should Comcast and County conclude negotiations, an ITAC public hearing for gaining input on the new franchise agreement will be scheduled in the County Board Room.
- Ms. Schuler explained an expansion on the Internet Essentials program to offer the low cost service to public housing with outreach efforts to spread the word. The program is no longer limited to students who are receiving free lunches at school but will include anyone living in low-cost housing, such as Section 8 housing.
- Verizon representative Louise Anderson updated the ITAC on progress of the buildout. One area of concern in the unconnected area has been the Fairlington condos under multiple HOA managements. A major feeder to Fairlington has been completed. There are 4093 units in the HOAs that are now involved there in the process of pending site survey, engineering design, etc. One condo HOA is lagging in this process.

8. **Good of the Order**

- New public library opened up in Crystal City and is now on ConnectArlington.

9. **Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.