



CITIZEN INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY PANEL

Quality Services for a Quality Community

MINUTES

September 20, 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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1. CALL TO ORDER

a. OPENING

Couto called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

b. ROLL CALL

At the taking of the roll, all members were present. Chris King, the City's IT systems engineer was in attendance. Crane and Altmann were not in attendance.

c. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JULY 19, 2017

Correction suggested from Edwards, Edwards motioned for approval, all in favor.

d. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR AUGUST 16, 2017

Douglass motioned, Bond second, all in favor.

2. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

None received. An MSU student attended the meeting and mentioned the EPA indicator index and its relevance to open data.

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3. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Couto mentioned the many meetings listed covering the Income Tax proposal. Couto updated the panel that he had contacted the Senior Commission. Couto commented about Robot Week at the East Lansing Public Library. Couto wondered if the East Lansing Public Library could host some of the technology initiatives and adding capacity at the Senior Prime Time Center. Douglass commented on the success of Robot Week.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Open Data Discussion

Edwards provided handouts for an executive order from the City of Hartford, Connecticut. Explained the role of the Sunlight Foundation versus Bloomberg and small cities. Edwards discussed whether we have open data, policy, or a management team. Edwards stated that cities currently display data in spreadsheet or PDF formats. The City of East Lansing already uses some formats of open data like CrimeMapping. Edwards discussed the pro and cons of using Open Data and how the effort can be established moving forward.

b. MSU Innovation and Technology

Couto updated the panel on a location and agenda change for the October 18, 2017 meeting. The MSU Innovation and Technology group will have speakers at 6:00 pm followed by a reception, all are invited. Our meeting will be held in a conference room at the MSU Innovation Center at 7:00 pm.

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6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Digital City summary

Couto discussed the top technology and initiatives that are a focus for most cities that apply to be a digital city winner.

b. Panel Member Assignments

Couto asked everyone to select a couple of cities that were included in the top ten list of digital cities. Panel members were asked to research the assigned cities and provide recommendations and observations.

The following panel members were assigned the following digital city winners. Couto was assigned Roanoke, VA and Williamsburg, VA. Edwards was assigned Brooklyn Park, MN, Shawnee, KS and Schaumburg, IL. Bond was assigned Lynchburg, VA and Ann Arbor, MI. Douglass was assigned Palo Alto, CA and Hudson, OH. Sardar was assigned Boulder, CO and Tamarac, FL. Irvin was assigned Newport Beach, CA and De Soto, TX.

7. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND ACTION ITEMS

Couto mentioned some possible ideas for adoption by the City of East Lansing that included a technology replacement plan, a civic coding brigade, neighborhood information all collected in a singular location, searchable maps and citizen budget input. Couto suggested that the size of the IT department should also be investigated.

8. REPORT BY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND ACTION ITEMS

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Sardar presented the group with an initial document for review. Sardar suggested that the City of East Lansing may want to have present solar initiatives.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Couto at 8:24 p.m.