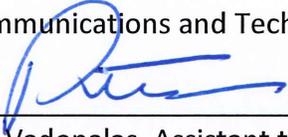


Memorandum
Manager's Office

TO: Telecommunications and Technology Advisory Commission

FROM: 
Peter J. Vadopalas, Assistant to the Village Manager

DATE: September 14, 2016

SUBJECT: **August 30, 2016 Telecommunications and Technology Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes**

Commission Meeting Called to Order:

Commission Chair Gordon called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. in Conference Room A at Skokie Village Hall.

Present: Douglas Gordon, Sam Corcione, Ken Grossman, Howard Kleinstein, Frances Roehm, Evan Jones Thorne, staff liaison Peter Vadopalas

Absent: Randall Cling

I. Welcome

Chair Gordon welcomed all Commissioners at 7:10 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 26 meeting were approved unanimously.

III. Chair Update; Programming

Chair Gordon introduced Mick Jacobsen of the Skokie Public Library, present to provide the Commission with an update on Library tech programming. Mr. Jacobsen provided each Commissioner with a flyer listing upcoming technology classes being offered at the Library. Mr. Jacobsen noted that the Library's tech classes are well attended, and cover a range of topics from photo digitization to tablet training on Google and Apple devices. The Library is initiating a pilot project with School District 69 to loan out mobile hotspots for 4th thru 8th graders as an effort to address the 'digital divide' with households that do not have adequate broadband access at home. Vadopalas and Jacobsen noted both organizations continue to evaluate emerging broadband technologies as potential opportunities to expand the availability of affordable broadband access.

Peter Vadopalas updated the Commission on the planned solar energy program to be hosted with the Illinois Solar Energy Association (ISEA). The Library will host the event on the afternoon of Saturday, November 12, and the program presenter has been

confirmed. Information will be distributed via press release, Village Newsletter and social media, and via the Library newsletter. Vadopalas has requested that the ISEA's traveling smart house exhibit be included in the event.

The Commission discussed a proposed science fair program, highlighting the interest in some of the grade school districts to focus on science fairs, and discussing the STEM programming being offered at District 219 and Oakton Community College.

Peter Vadopalas confirmed with the Commissioners that the manufacturing technology "maker" program will be targeted for the weekend of April 8-9, 2017 to allow for cross marketing with the Library's "How To" event planned for April 9. Speakers and potential partners will be identified over the coming months.

Chair Gordon asked Vadopalas to contact Police administration about the potential organization of a public safety oriented event for 2017.

V. New Business

None

VI. Adjourn

Chair Gordon adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next Telecommunications and Technology Advisory Commission meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Skokie Village Hall.