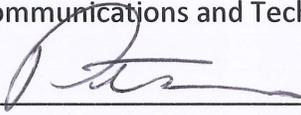


Memorandum
Manager's Office

TO: Telecommunications and Technology Advisory Commission

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

DATE: April 15, 2016

SUBJECT: **March 29, 2016 Telecommunications and Technology Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes**

Commission Meeting Called to Order:

Chairman Doug Gordon called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in Conference Room A at Skokie Village Hall.

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

Absent: Frances Roehm

I. Welcome

Chair Gordon welcomed all Commissioners at 7:05 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 23 meeting were approved as written.

III. Chair Update; Programming

Chairman Gordon introduced Mikael Jakobsen, Learning Experiences Manager, from Skokie Public Library. Mr. Jakobsen thanked the Commission for inviting him to speak about technology initiatives at Skokie Public Library.

Mr. Jakobsen noted the past collaboration of the Library with the STAT Commission in hosting technology training sessions with the AARP, and reported that the next AARP event on April 22 is already fully registered.

Mr. Jakobsen provided an overview of current Library tech programming including the STEAM program and he offered a schedule of ongoing technology training classes, including graphic design and coding, at the Library. Mr. Jakobsen provided statistical information describing high traffic and interest from Skokie patrons on a variety of technology topics. He described additional programs including the Library's lending of Google Chromebooks and free access to Lynda.com.

After general questions and discussion, the Commissioners thanked Mr. Jakobsen for an informative overview.

2016 Programming

Chair Gordon reminded the Commission of the upcoming AARP sessions on Android devices on April 22. Three sessions will be hosted at the Library on that date, and full registration for the day demonstrates the popularity of these tech training programs.

Science Fair Planning Subcommittee

Chair Gordon provided information to the subcommittee members that he gathered to support their work on planning a community fair program. Commissioners Corcione and Thorne provided an update on their planning, noting the subcommittee has met and that the subcommittee:

- Identify local education leaders, gauge interest in supporting a community science fair
- Develop online/social media presence plan for community engagement
- Evaluate potential host facilities including hotels
- Review calendar of existing science fairs to identify any scheduling conflicts
- Further research age/grade levels for organizing participants
- Further review planning guides from existing successful programs

The subcommittee reported the need for several more months to study best practices, and will review the Library's role in supporting science fairs in the community.

Alternative Energy Planning Subcommittee

Commissioner Kleinstein reported that he spoke with the Illinois Solar Energy Association about their community education resources and confirmed they have speaker's bureau available to help develop an educational program. Commissioner Kleinstein requested feedback from the Commission regarding potential dates and locations envisioned for this type of program. Suggested ideas included organization of an informational fair with product/service vendors, potential participation with existing farmers market and spring greening programs. Peter Vadopalas agreed to review upcoming events to suggest as additional partnership opportunities.

IV. Staff Update

Peter Vadopalas reported that the Citizens Utility Board is scheduled to offer two free utility bill clinics in March; at Oakton Community College on the 18th and at Village Hall on the 23rd. In addition, Vadopalas noted that Skokie Public Library is inviting AARP

back for an April TEK training day – the topic will be “Intro to Android Smartphones” and will be held on April 22. Peter Vadopalas noted and that the Village’s external affairs representative from AT&T is scheduled to attend the April STAT Commission meeting.

V. New Business
None

VI. Adjourn
Chair Gordon adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next Telecommunications and Technology Advisory Commission meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Skokie Village Hall.