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Regular Broadband Committee Meeting Thursday September 23, 2021 at 3:00 pm Minutes

1. Call to order – Meeting was called to order by Steven Poncelet at 3:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call –Mark Simon Featherstone, Tim Chase, Penelope “Penny” Morris, Dan Dickerman, Bjorn Book-Larsson, Michael J. Wolf, Serita K Cox, John Paul, Chris Fajkos, & Judy Price.
EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Steven Poncelet, Regina Cooley, Sarah Kraker, Allie Spani.

3. Public Comment – None.

New Business

4. Introductions – Each Committee and Staff Member provided a brief introduction.
5. House Keeping:
 - a) Brown Act Overview – Regina Cooley provided a general overview of the Brown Act. Including serial meetings, public process, and agenda process.
 - b) Review Agenda – Reviewed the agenda as a group.
 - c) Establish meeting protocol & ground rules – General consensus was that meeting minutes would follow the general consensus of the group. Should an important topic be discussed, the group reserves the right to request a formal vote that can then be presented to the Board of Directors. The group felt the “Speak Your Peace” ground rules would apply to committee interactions. These rules are as follows:
 - i. Pay Attention
 - ii. Listen
 - iii. Be Inclusive
 - iv. Don’t Gossip
 - v. Show Respect
 - vi. Be Agreeable
 - vii. Apologize
 - viii. Give Constructive Criticism
 - ix. Take Responsibility



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6. TDPUD Strategic Plan and Board's Broadband Initiative History – Steven Poncelet provided the group with a historic review of TDPUD Strategic Plan and Board's Broadband Initiative History. (Presentation available upon request)
7. Review TDPUD GM Broadband Task Force Goals and Objectives– Steven Poncelet provided the group with a historic review of TDPUD Strategic Plan and Board's Broadband Initiative History. (Presentation available upon request)
8. Broadband Committee Roles and Responsibilities – The group discussed possible roles and responsibilities. The common themes that arose were; understanding the assets already owned by TDPUD, better understanding of end points, understanding what new communities have already built the required conduit, discussing and understanding the different broadband models, defining what the group needs/wants to achieve.
9. Establish Initial Broadband Committee goals, objectives, timeline, and next steps – The general consensus was that the proposed goals from the GM Task Force meetings were correct and accurate. Those goals are:

Initial Project Scope:

Identify the level of broadband internet services the community requires to meet local needs from the perspective of public safety, economic health and community access. Based upon these needs, establish collaborative partnerships to facilitate the larger community benefit

Proposed Goals:

- Identify key stakeholders, potential partners, and local resources
- Develop a scope of work for a feasibility study
- Identify options for a potential organizational structure
- Identify funding opportunities

In addition, the group felt strongly that the following goals should be considered:

- Equity – IE. Service = same for all customers
- Forward thinking – Consider needs 10 years from now, not just today

10. Set Next Meeting/Schedule and Review Action Items – The meeting schedule is set for the 3rd Thursday of every month from 3:30-5:30.

ADJOURNMENT – 5:05 p.m.