

**CTTAB**  
**March 11, 2008 Minutes**  
City of Seattle, Seattle Municipal Tower  
27th Floor, 700 – Fifth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98124

<p><b>Present</b></p> <p>Leah Altaras Jennifer Bukowski Fran Clifton Michael Davidson Nancy Gohring Jac de Haan Richard Huff Jerry Lin John Neuharth Will Pugh Ann Suter</p> <p><b>Excused</b> Tom Kee Oren Sreenby</p>	<p><b>Visitors</b> Ken Meyer</p> <p><b>Staff</b> David Keyes Tony Perez</p>
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**1. Meeting Called to Order – 6:07**

**2. Approval of agenda; January and February, 2008 minutes**

Change of Agenda to postpone approval of January and February draft minutes until the next meeting.

**2. Report from the Chair**

Huff reminded members of the limit on excused absences. He indicated that he would appreciate being notified beforehand if members expect to miss a meeting.

Matt Powers resigned from the Board.

Huff indicated that the next meeting will be at the annual retreat:

- 4:00 p.m. Councilmember Harrell’s Office
- 4:30 p.m. Mayor’s Office – Regina LaBelle
- Back to 2750 for remainder of retreat

Huff reported that Tom Kee was out due to family reasons. Jessica Bukowski will get Tom’s address and CTTAB members to send a condolence note.

**3. Public Comment**

Mr. Myer indicated that he finds it difficult to keep up with what is going on at CTTAB. He thought that the retreat was in March. Myer suggested that someone take more responsibility to make sure website is current and that a mailing list for citizens is established. Myer also commented about Councilmember Harrell's recent appearance at the Neighborhood Coalition meeting.

A discussion ensued among CTTAB members about making the CCTAB website more useful and informative and to better describe the work of the Board. Nancy Goering and Will Pugh agreed to look at website and develop recommendations for the Board's consideration.

**4. Chief Technology Officer Report:** Bill Schrier:

See attached

**5. Committee Reports:**

Suter commented on the work of SCAN. She will send a chart that illustrates the new direction in which SCAN is headed.

**6. Cable Office Report:** Tony Perez

See attached

**7. Legislative Update:**

Keyes updated the Board developments of SSB 6438. Among its provisions this bill would allocate funding for community technology programs. A decision was made that the Board would write a letter in support of the legislation.

**8. Community Technology:** David Keyes

Keyes reported that they are gearing up for 2008 Technology Matching Fund. A orientation meeting has been scheduled for Thursday. Clifton and Davidson will attend. Tech Matching Fund received 40 applications compared with 29 in 2007.

**9. Board Business:** 7:20

CSPAN 2: A decision was made not to send a letter objecting to Comcast's decision to require a digital converter to view the channel.

Huff reminded members of the April 22 Council Brown bag session on the digital transition.

**10. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.**



# City of Seattle

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

## Department of Information Technology

Bill Schrier, Director and Chief Technology Officer

### Citizens' Telecommunications and Technology Advisory Board

#### Chief Technology Officer's Report

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#### ELECTED OFFICIAL NEWS

- Soundshake 2008. The City of Seattle and other governments across Puget Sound completed in this regional earthquake preparedness / disaster response drill on 5 March 2008. It was the first major exercise of the new City Emergency Operations Center at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and S. Washington Street. Over 150 City employees including the Mayor and President of the City Council participated.



Soundshake 2008 Exercise – 5 March 2008

#### CABLE AND BROADBAND NEWS

- Tony Perez and Jill Novik will present more details to CTTAB.
- We have submitted legislation to the City Council to allow the RFP for Broadband (fiber-to-the-premise) to be funded and proceed. Council will be briefed at the 19 March meeting of the Energy and Technology Committee.

#### SEATTLE CHANNEL NEWS

- The P-I wrote a nice piece about our new program "ART ZONE: In Studio With Nancy Guppy" at [http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/tv/353808\\_moment06.html](http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/tv/353808_moment06.html)
- *Ask the Mayor* will broadcast live from the new EOC on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.
- *City Inside/Out* explores gang activity, March 7 at 7 p.m.
- This week's episode of *City Inside/Out* focuses on the Seattle Center Century 21 plan. Guests include Tom Rasmussen, Robert Nellams and Jan Levy.
- *CityStream Special* from Urban League Village - a special edition of the show celebrates the grand opening of the Northwest African-American Museum. Schedule at <http://www.seattlechannel.org/CityStream/>

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**Office of Cable Communications, Director's Report**

1. Broadband RFP Update: There will be a Council briefing on the RFP on Wednesday, March 19 at 2:00 p.m.
2. CSPAN-2 to digital: We met with Comcast about this issue but they refused to change their position.
3. CCBOR Brochures: We have completed our annual CCBOR brochure. We also inserted a paragraph to alert subscribers to the upcoming digital transition. The Cable Operators will be mailing the brochures to about 170,000 subscribers by the end of March.
4. Fiber to Town Hall: We are working with Broadstripe and are close to finalizing a fiber connection between Town Hall and the Seattle Channel. Once this is completed we will be able to do live programming of Town Hall events on the Seattle Channel
5. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit has refused to bar the FCC from enforcing rules that abrogated exclusive contracts between cable companies and apartment building owners. NCTA, the lobbying arm for the cable industry sought the change.
6. David and I will provide a brief Legislative update.