

Community technology advisory commission

The St. Louis Park Community Technology Advisory Commission is meeting in person in the Westwood Room on the third floor of St. Louis Park City Hall, 5005 Minnetonka Blvd. Members of the public may attend the meeting in person.

Agenda

1. Call to order – roll call
2. Approval of minutes – May 22, 2024
3. Guest: Pat Coleman, community engagement coordinator
 - Introduction
 - Boards and commissions updates
 - Vision 4.0
4. Commission member updates
5. Staff updates
6. Next meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 20
7. Adjournment

Minutes
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Members present: Siegler, Hoffman, Peterson, Slaats, Dyer, Keogh

Members absent: Heitz

Staff present: Jacque Smith, liaison

1. Call to order – roll call
Meeting started at 6 p.m. Dyer and Keogh arrived after the start of the meeting.
2. Approval of minutes – Sept. 22, 2023
Siegler, Hoffman, Peterson, Slaats approved minutes as written.
3. Staff updates
Smith recapped that the council has decided to leave the current advisory boards and commissions structure in place. Council will provide more direction to boards and commissions; asked staff to take a role in the application review process; and asked staff to pursue a compensation model for commission members that will be part of the 2025 budget process. Siegler highlighted the need for direction, which council discussion is addressing. Members will await further direction from council and staff on next steps.

Smith updated the commission that remaining grant money from the Hennepin County Municipal Broadband Expansion Fund was returned to the county so they could stand up a replacement for the Affordable Connectivity Program. The county has committed nearly \$2 million to help offset the loss of ACP, up to \$10/month, for certain ACP-eligible broadband subscribers. This program will extend through 2024. It's uncertain what will happen for ACP households after 2024.

Smith gave a brief update on US Internet expansion in 2024. Commission members shared their experiences with last year's USI construction and that it was disappointing to have their newly repaired yards following years of construction, then torn up by US Internet. Members who have US Internet service expressed satisfaction with the service.

4. Membership
Members agreed to keep chair, vice chair for now and will vote once further details about boards and commissions appointments/reapplication is available. Siegler will reach out to Heitz to gauge interest in continuing with the commission.
5. Updates from commission members - none
6. Members agreed to 2024 meeting dates: July 24, Sept. 25, Nov. 20
7. Meeting ended at 6:24 p.m.