City of Alexandria, Virginia
Commission on Information Technology Minutes
October 1, 2018
(rescheduled Sept 17 meeting)
7:30 – 8:45 PM
City Hall, Sister Cities Room, 1101

In Attendance: Chris Soghoian, Catharine Rice, Ricardo Alfaro, Chris Lewis, Sean Rough, Darrlynn Franklin, Brandon Mozoriak, John Szczech, David Armstrong, **Staff**: Warren Benson and Vanetta Pledger

Absent: Marjorie Connor, David Baker, Forest Wilhoit, Ed Ward,

1.   Welcome -- introductions made. New member from the Chamber of Commerce, David Armstrong was welcomed.

2.   **Approval of June 4, 2018 Minutes** : approved with amendments (correct Chris Soghoian & Brandon Mozoriak's spelling) unanimously.

3.   **Briefing on fiber progress** –(Vanetta Pledger, City of Alexandria) - Engineering firm has been hired to design engineering specs and RFP (later) for construction company. Maybe 8 months. City is applying "dig once" in practice as put in smart traffic system, but no specific policy in place. Will invite appropriate city staff to future IT meeting. Plan is to lease fiber or extra conduit to private carriers. Companies like Crown Castle could be interested for 5G (all small cells will have to backhaul over fiber); AT&T for FirstNet, etc.

4.   **Update from Homework Gap Committee** - (Chair: Christopher Lewis) - Group reviewed and provided feedback on flyer. $16 per Kajeet device so $160 per student per school year (10 months), includes insurance. Goal is to try for 500 full year donations. Put donation ask on flyer. Get info all flyer info on one page; Add City of Alexandria and ACPS logos. Ask ACPS to link to website so link can be shared, add radial button that reader can click through to make a donation and then make donate page specific to Closing Alexandria's Homework Gap (currently form is generic). Add a thermometer to show donation goal progress. Then go back to Chamber who is enthusiastic to be part of program and start promoting the program everywhere. Once flyer done, Darlyn can tap media coverage. Story would also brad that every high school student gets Chrome computer, but higher % no internet at home. Commission comfortable with ACPS taking the lead on final celebration event when goals are reached next year.

5.   **Update from Future Workforce Skills Committee** - (Chair: Catharine Rice) - no update, will send around video of Gary Bolles presentation in Africa.

6.   **New Committee: Project Plan for Cyber Security Committee** (Chair: Ricardo Alfaro) - Ricardo will present at next meeting; idea is to create short PSAs for city cable channel on Cybersecurity issues for public awareness (*e.g.,* 2 factor authentication, phishing, etc.). Consider future step of partnering with ACPS to educate on cybersecurity.

7.   **Other Business** - Next meeting November 12. Warren will find a room Many IT seats open after November. Members encouraged to reapply.

8.   Adjourned: 8:45 p.m.