City of Alexandria, Virginia Commission on Information Technology

## AGENDA April 19, 2021 IT Commission Meeting ZOOM CALL 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

- 1. Introductions & welcome
- 2. Approval of January 25, 2020 Minutes
- Update on City's Fiber Backbone project (IT Staff, City of Alexandria) Link to RFP/ITB <u>here</u>: (enter bid #938)
  -Timing?
  -Speaking w/Planning & Zoning re: developer conduit requirement
  -Would federal funding speed up the project?
- 4. **Digital Equity Plan Committee** (Co-Chairs: Michelle Rief/Catharine Rice/ participating J.D.Maddox, Riccardo, Chris Soghoian, Marcus Washington) –
  - Update from Catharine on conversation w/member of the city's Comprehensive Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) development team (Helen Morris). IT Commission signed up on strategy called "Eliminate the Digital Divide."
  - Update on outline for DEP
- 5. **Legislative Committee** (Chair=Sara Crifasi)
  - Update on American Rescue Act <u>broadband opportunities</u> & <u>broadband</u> <u>funding</u>.
  - Update on ongoing state/federal legislation (<u>Google Doc</u>)
  - Update on Comcast data caps- i.e., VA is excluded
- 6. **Outreach to Council and campaigns** re: Fiber project (Catharine & Riccardo)update from Catharine
- 7. Last meeting before summer May 17.