

Meeting Summary  
Technology Policy Advisory Committee  
6/28/07, 3-4 p.m., Pima Community College, 401 N. Bonita Ave., Room A230

1. **Call to Order / Introduction of Attendees**

Quorum reached at 3:05 p.m. and meeting called to order by Chairman Clayton Hamilton

**Members Present:**

John Crouch, Toby Ford, Clayton Hamilton, Neil Hejny, Quincy Hobbs, Chris Lamar, Michael Lupien, Robert MacArthur, Albert Sterman, Justin Williams, Valerie Rauluk (advisory member)

**Members Absent:**

Sam Behrend, Guyton Campbell, Joe Chitwood

**Others present:**

Andy Squire, Ann Strine, Carl Drescher, Jacqueline Paravano

2. **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of meeting held April, 19<sup>th</sup> 2007 to be carried forward for approval to next Committee meeting.

3. **Chair's Opening Remarks**

Clayton Hamilton introduced Andy Squire from Vice-Mayor Shirley Scott's office. Mr. Hamilton explained that the meeting would focus on a discussion of the By Laws, the Cable License Agreement update, the One Tucson Project, an update on environmental issues, and committee structure

4. **Discussion of and Vote on By Laws**

A presentation, based upon two draft handouts (find attached), was given by Al Sterman. A discussion ensued concerning the usage of the term "TechPAC" and the fact that the mission statement and functions (derived from the original mission statement - which included "technology" & "telecom") suggests that its only focus is Technology.

In order to obtain clarification, Ann Strine suggested that the committee consults the Charter (from Mayor & Council). She believes that the committee's function is to consider a broad scope of Information Technology, and not a wide scope of all kinds of technology. Clayton Hamilton felt that the committee should consider a very broad technology view, and recommended some cross-fertilization. He recommended that the process be steered in the correct direction and that every effort is taken to minimize duplication.

The general consensus was to retain telecommunications as a critical issue. It was deemed to be correct to add the word “emerging” to “technology”.

Brief attention was paid to details including maximum number of members, attendance, nomination of committee staff etc.

Clayton Hamilton proposed Michael Lupien’s motion that the By-Laws function as a stand-alone document, no opposition was recorded, and the motion was carried.

Al Sterman undertook to conduct further research into the Mayor & Council mandates, and have final drafts ready for approval at the August 2007 meeting.

**5. Discussion of Committee Structure**

This was deferred to next meeting.

**6. Discussion of TechPAC issues**

**A. Environmental Technologies**

**1). Solar / Alternative Energy**

Valerie referred to the draft document that she had e-mailed to the committee members (see attached), and suggested that it be employed as a useful tool for TechPAC on how to address various problem areas.

Her immediate request for action was a recommendation to Mayor & Council regarding Tucson Electric’s rate case. She maintained that the Mayor & Council should make the community aware that this would be their opportunity for active involvement. She indicated that public meetings are not expected to take place before October/November 2007, unless the City intervenes. Ann Strine indicated that General Services department of The City of Tucson would be the appropriate department if the City were to intervene in this matter. Valerie named two intervening groups in the rate issue.

The merits of deregulation/restructuring in California were actively debated.

A point of interest was that TEP will be required to use 15% of renewable energy by 2020. She noted that the surcharge on TEP’s bills - is “put into a pot”, and there are programs that will allow citizens to “tap into the pot” to help with the solar energy investment.

Clayton Hamilton stated that the agenda for this meeting didn’t allow any action to be taken on this matter. Valerie requested that the committee makes a commitment to get more involved in August 2007. When asked for a document that would outline more detailed principles, Valerie undertook to furnish the Committee with one at the August 2007 meeting.

- 2). Green Buildings – no discussion
- 3). Global Warming – no discussion

**B. Community Connectivity**

- 1). New Cable License Agreement

Ann Strine gave a brief summary of the new agreement: 3 analog channels, 2 digital channels, 2,000 of video on demand, fixed revenue at current rate until the calculation under state law is greater.

- 2). One Tucson / Wi-fi

Clayton noted that the One Tucson group is moving from a technology approach to programmatic issues, with the emphasis on pilot projects to support K-12. The effort will be focused on providing specific technology to determine if that helps with outcomes in particular K-12 arenas.

- 3). Community Voicemail – no discussion
- 4). 311 Systems – no discussion

**C. Issues “Parking Lot” – no discussion**

- 1). Safety / Security
- 2). Biotech
- 3). Nanotech

**7. Next Meeting**

- A. The next meeting will be held on August 16, 2007.
- B. Agenda Items for Consideration

**8. Call to the Audience**

**9. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.