

**Loveland Broadband Task Force  
August 4, 2016 Minutes  
McKee Medical Center – 2000 Boise Ave.  
10:00 a.m.**

**Task Force Members Present:** Dan Maas, Mindy McCloughan, Dick Toftness, Doug Rutledge, Julie Klein, Jason Frisbie, Dave Kavanagh

**City Council Liaison Present:** John Fogle

**Task Force Members Absent:** Tom Hall, Dane Slinkard

**City Staff Members Present:** Tom Hacker, Kim O'Field, Briana Reed-Harmel, Bill Westbrook, Steve Adams

**Guest Speakers:** Eric Eddy, Tim Scott, Eric Ogle

**Audience:** Ralph Trenary

Call to order at 10:07 by Mindy McCloughan.

Mindy called for a motion to approve the July 7, 2016 meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were approved by all after a motion from Dan Maas and a second from Dick Toftness.

### **PAST AND FUTURE OF COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTATION**

Dave Kavanagh, task force board member and owner of KavaCom, a broadband consulting firm, gave a presentation on the past and future of communications. This presentation gave an overview of the history of communication technology and the potential of future communications technologies.

Discussion occurred about the use of satellite technology and the difficulties with Wi-Fi, 3G and 4G ground technologies. Dan Maas updated the group on the RootMetrics report for this year which places Denver last out of 152 cities for cell service availability. Dan inquired if a municipal effort like Loveland's could help drive the private sector. Dave stated that he believes it could, by having the fiber in place to many different areas gives providers a way in.

### **CITY OF CENTENNIAL PRESENTATION**

Next on the agenda was a presentation from Eric Eddy, Assistant to the City Manager and Tim Scott, Fiber Executive Director with the City of Centennial. Eric began the presentation by providing information about Centennial, an overview of the project background, policy decisions and steps taken and lessons learned. Eric stated that Loveland is where Centennial was about 3 years ago.

Tim continued the presentation with information on finding a starting point, plans and clarity of goals, the significance of support from political leadership, information about Centennial's proposed fiber backbone, moving beyond planning and feasibility, partnering with the private sector, maintaining momentum, understanding the evolving landscape, and lessons learned from moving beyond the feasibility analysis.

## **BROADBAND SURVEY ON OPEN CITY HALL**

Tom Hacker told about gathering broadband data by survey via Loveland's Open City Hall. There are two surveys – residential and business. The residential survey results have far exceeded expectations. One thousand local residents viewed the survey in 10 days, with 770 taking the 29-question survey in that time. Tom shared many details about the survey results with discussion ensuing. To date, there are 38 responses to the business survey. That survey is still open and we will work toward getting more responses.

## **DISCUSSION**

Larimer County had a first broadband meeting to defeat SB152. Larimer County is working on this issue to cover the rural areas not within Loveland, Estes Park and Fort Collins.

The next meeting will be held at Platte River Power Authority, 2000 E. Horsetooth Road, Fort Collins, on September 1 at 10:00 a.m. Attendees will view a presentation on the backbone that PRPA has specific to Loveland as well as be treated to a quick tour of facility.

Future agendas will first include learning about the economic development impact of fast data access, and then first responders/the topic of E911/FirstNet, plus a brief timeline update from project manager Brieana Reed-Harmel at each meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:03.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Gross  
Recording Secretary  
Loveland Broadband Task Force