

Notice of Public Meeting of the Technology Advisory Board
Official Agenda
June 20, 2022 @ 5:30 pm
City Hall Council Chambers
9101 Bonita Beach Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

	<u>TIME</u>	<u>INFO</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER	5:30			Action
Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.				
II. ROLL CALL				Action
<u>Present</u>		<u>Staff</u>		
Vince Marchesani		Addison Smelko		
Tim Deaton				
Sue Bickel				
John Poldoian				
Ron George				
Jim Kauffman				
III. PUBLIC COMMENT	5:35			
No public comment at this time.				
IV. COUNCIL LIAISON ITEMS	5:31			
Councilman Corrie was not present.				
V. STAFF INFO & UPDATES	5:32		Discussion	
No staff information				
VI. NEW BUSINESS			Discussion	
No new business was discussed.				
VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS	5:49		Discussion	

Electric vehicles – John Poldoian provided an update. John recapped that he has sent six potential Bonita Springs locations, for charging stations, to four electric vehicle vendors. They are all located in shopping malls because vendors want to see restaurants, stores, bathrooms etc.,

in their locations so people have something to do while their vehicles are charging. He shared that Sunshine Plaza is eager to proceed with installing a charging station. John has been in touch with the following organizations

1. FPL – little interest in providing a charging station. They already have two locations in Naples and like to keep 50 – 75 miles in between chargers.
2. Electrify America - not interested. No locations from Naples to Punta Gorda. They tend to locate at Walmart and no Walmart locations in Bonita Springs. John did find out that they do joint ventures with Bank of America locations. John is reaching out to the four Bank of America locations in the city to see if they have interest.
3. Tesla – have asked for a MS Teams meeting with Sunshine Plaza. Seems positive. A contract has been sent and is being reviewed.
4. EEV GO- no interest. There is nothing between Bradenton and Miami.

7-11 locations are slow to expand. There are no locations in Florida.

Ron George asked if there's any reason chargers are not being added downtown, in the parking lots owned by the city.

Cell Tower Heights- Tim Deaton shared he appeared before city council on Wednesday. A channel 2 reporter interviewed Jim, Tim and attendees. He thought the reporter offered a fair representation of the problem on the news that evening.

There was discussion about the process in moving forward to correct the problem. City staff has asked Community Development to look at the issue. While Community Development is doing that the Technology Advisory Board will review the information Tim has gathered from other towns and compile the best information for our city's purposes. If anything doesn't make sense or can be improved upon, let the committee know. Tim wants to reduce the requirements so that a cell phone partner can easily meet the requirements.

Chairman Kauffman recognized the parallel effort and commitment of Councilmen Corrie and Forbes in streamlining the process.

Vince discussed the need for a plan to hold responsible parties to a timetable. They can meet on this but need to be cognizant of Sunshine Laws and publish an agenda to meet publicly. Vince will develop a plan and send it out.

Vince made a motion to request a timetable from Community Development for what council has asked them to do: look at our current regulations to see if they can be improved to incentivize carriers to improve cell towers and make recommendations how to improve them. Committee member seconded the motion.

VIII: PUBLIC COMMENT

Ben Hershenson shared that the process is advisory to City Council. They accept what is proposed or choose another direction. He heard a suggestion for a consultant with an engineering background at the City Council meeting and thought that was a good idea. He emphasized the process should flow through a councilman and suggested requesting a consultant through the councilman.

Mark Parr introduced himself as a subject matter expert on cellular. He stated just building bigger higher towers won't serve the community well. Heights have come down due to capacity restrictions.

He shared 5G is a consideration because it has a very small signal that doesn't go very far. There can be problems between signals from houses to towers. He suggested using legal and technical consultants.

VIII: NEXT MEETING

Discussion

July 18, 2022.

IX: ADJOURNMENT

Action

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Vallante, 06/22/2022

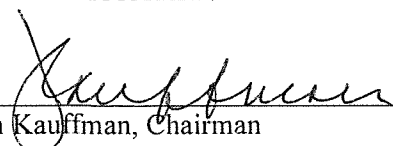
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TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY BOARD:

Date: 8.15.22

AUTHENTICATED:



Jim Kauffman, Chairman
