

**INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021
2:00 PM
VIDEOCONFERENCE**

Members Present:	Councilmember Manny Pelaez, Chair, <i>District 8</i> Councilmember Roberto Treviño, <i>District 1</i> Councilmember Jada Andrews-Sullivan, <i>District 2</i> Councilmember John Courage, <i>District 9</i> Deanne Cuellar, <i>Citizen Committee Member</i> Dirk Elmendorf, <i>Citizen Committee Member</i> Will Garrett, <i>Citizen Committee Member</i>
Staff Present:	Jennifer Guerrero, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; John Peterek, <i>Assistant to the City Manager</i> ; Brian Dillard, <i>Chief Innovation Officer, Office of Innovation</i> ; Craig Hopkins, <i>Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Services Department (ITSD)</i> ; Candelaria Mendoza, <i>Smart City Coordinator, Office of Innovation</i> ; Emily Royall, <i>Smart City Coordinator, Office of Innovation</i> ; Nancy Cano, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others Present:	None

Call to Order

1. Approval of the December 08, 2020 Innovation and Technology Committee Meeting Minutes.

Citizen Member Cuellar moved to approve the Minutes from December 08, 2020 Innovation and Technology Committee Meeting. Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

2. Briefing on updates of the City of San Antonio’s Digital Inclusion Pillar of the Recovery and Resiliency Plan “Connected Beyond the Classroom.” [John Peterek, Assistant to the City Manager; Brian Dillard, Chief Innovation Officer, Office of Innovation]

Chief Innovation Officer Brian Dillard provided a briefing on the progress relating to infrastructure, collaboration, and connecting with the students in the Connect Beyond The Classroom (CBTC) Program. He provided an overview of the Digital Inclusion Efforts Request For Proposal, the Digital Inclusion Project, Collaborative Edgewood Independent School District Pilot and the effort with Methodist Healthcare Ministries, the CBTC Timeline, the Collaboration Process, and CBTC-Phase. He stated that Customer Premise Equipment (CPE) devices were provided at each site to connect 400 students and more would be added once the Bazan and Collins sites were completed.

John Rodriguez reported on Edgewood and Harlandale ISD's Proposed Plans and included an overview of a typical roof installation. He provided a summary of the Pre-Initiation Process, and the 10-Year Facility Use Agreement.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan asked if there was a way to reach out to the students in other categories such as Charter Schools. Mr. Dillard stated that funding was limited for the project and that the projection could change as they moved through the deployment of the technology. He reiterated that this was a pilot and they hoped to build on the project moving forward.

Councilmember Courage asked if there were relationships developed with certain service providers that would be a part of the program. John Rodriguez stated that AT&T was contacted very early on as a provider and could provide a very broad level of coverage throughout the service area.

Councilmember Courage questioned if there were any regulations or legislation that would pose a concern with the project. Craig Hopkins stated they have been spending a lot of time working at the State and Federal level, and that legislators were on board.

Councilmember Courage asked if senior citizens played a part in the broader discussion. Craig Hopkins stated that at the current time, the project was specifically for students in their school districts; however, senior citizens and affordable housing would be a part of the broader discussion.

Councilmember Courage questioned if Federal financing aimed at the digital divide would support or enable expansion. Craig Hopkins stated that there was a broader conversation on infrastructure, and that digital infrastructure was a part of that. John Peterek stated that the stimulus money was specifically for the individuals, not with the school districts, or the city government.

Dirk Elmendorf asked what would have to change for this pilot program to become permanent. He also questioned how long the program could stay in place given the current funding levels and the School District infrastructures increased. Brian Dillard stated there would have to be legislation changes, and funding. Craig Hopkins stated that funding was being used to pay the first-year costs, and the agreements with each school district required that they cover 100% of all operating costs year two and beyond.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Manny Pelaez, Chair

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Cano
Office of the City Clerk