



UC2B Policy Board Minutes

Regular Meeting

January 20, 2011

Location:

Douglass Branch Library Community Room
504 E. Grove, Champaign, Illinois

Board Members Present: Abdul Alkalimat, Brandon Bowersox, Fred Halenar, Pete Resnick, Mike Smeltzer, Tony Vandeventer (For Deb Frank Feinen), Mark Toalson (for Richard Schnuer)

Others Present:

Peter Folk, Volo Broadband
Ray Mitchell, Volo Broadband
Craig Shonkwiler, City of Urbana
Rev. Larry Lewis, Bethel A.M.E.
Rev. Eugene Barnes, Metanoia Center, Inc.

J. Paul Duke, Shive-Hattery, Project Manager
Brittney Eckels, University of Illinois
Bob Miles, University of Illinois
John Kersh, University of Illinois
Troy Burks, NAACP
Al Jamal, Community Member
Bill Gray, Urbana
Jared Dunn, U of I Grad student
Rev. Charles O. Nash, Sr., New Hope Church
Rev. Robert L. Smith, Center of Hope Church

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon. by Brandon Bowersox

Approve Agenda – Approved as written. Moved by Committee Member Resnick;
Seconded by Committee Member Alkalimat.

Approve Minutes – Minutes for January 6, January 13th and the January 8th EBlack Community minutes were approved with no corrections; Moved by Committee Member Halenar; seconded by Committee Member Abdul Alkalimat.

Action Items:

Amendments/Bylaws - None

Grant required approvals – None

Approval of Items from the Technical committee: There were three engineering issues that were presented and approved at the Technical Committee that were presented for the committee's approval. A 4th item (OSS/BSS SW Specs) will be discussed at another meeting.

Paul Duke presented:

1. Connectorized system
2. Crossbore design
3. Cabinets

Connectorized System - Paul Duke explained that the Technical Committee approved using a Connectorized vs Splice Casing system - Committee Member Resnick questioned whether splicing is better? Paul stated that there are arguments on both sides, but connectorizing reduces costs.

Crossbore Design - Paul explained the crossboring methodology – there is a substantial cost savings with this approach, however challenges with design and with both cities will occur. There is significant challenges with space limitations in some areas, as the cross boring “machine” is a large piece of equipment which will infringe on people's property. Policy Committee had a lengthy discussion about the advantages of cross boring as opposed to single or dual boring. Committee stated that there needs to be policy established to determine what type of reparations will be made to people whose property is damaged by the machine. Committee Member Alkalimat suggested creating an agreement/disclosure for potential customers to sign, allowing us to possibly place a boring machine on their lawn for an incentive of two free months of service (or another incentive). After lengthy discussion, Paul explained that a mixture of both styles will ultimately have to be employed since we will not be able to determine which style needs to be used until we actually get in the ground. Policy committee just needs to be aware of this and working on a solution for “problems” that occur because of the boring machine.

Committee Member Smeltzer moved to have Shive use cross bores as a primary drilling choice with single/double boring where cross boring is not functional. Committee Member Resnick seconded.

Committee approved by unanimous voice vote.

Above ground cabinets – The aggregation ratio will dictate size of cabinets – we are looking at approximately 150 cabinets, approximate sizes will be 2X2X3 – They are intended to be located in the right of way however siting is critical because people don't want these cabinets in their yards, etc. Both cities will need to be involved and approve sites in their City for cabinets. Paul will have a draft ready and sent to the cities by next Tuesday and it will be presented to Technical committee by the following Tuesday and then on to Policy Committee by February 3rd meeting.

OSS/BSS will be addressed at the 1/27/11 meeting

Approval of the Electronic RFP process – Pete Resnick spoke to Mike Munson today and he and Mike DeLorenzo have met and feel that it will be no problem getting the information to the UC2B Policy Board before it goes to the Board of Trustees. Mike Smeltzer stated that if the total is under the amount that needs to go to the Board of Trustees – it will be a moot point anyway and we will get the information as soon as the vendor is selected. This item will remain on the agenda for the January 27th meeting as well.

Approval of replacing Maria Mobasseri with Minor Jackson – Abdul Alkalimat moved to approve Minor Jackson as a new member of the committee. Seconded by Mike Smeltzer. Committee approved unanimously by voice vote.

Anchor Institution List - There are a few more groups to add to the list. Committee discussed extending deadline for inclusion to the list. Paul Duke stated that they want inclusivity as well, but he had already given the hard date for the deadline as tomorrow January 21, 2011. It will not be a huge problem to add or subtract groups down the road, just remember that adding groups will be more money. Committee Member Bowersox stated that he has spoken to members of Urbana’s staff and they had approved the list as is.

Mike Smeltzer moved to approve his list of 5 additional churches and the Zen meditation center, but not the church located in Savoy, plus the rest of the list as originally written.

Committee unanimously approved via voice vote.

Announcements –

Committee Member Alkalimat stated that we need to decide on a process to keep the Committee better informed Also what potential forms for UC2B will take in the future.

Committee Member Halenar would like the minutes to reflect that the UC2B committee received a letter from several religious leaders in town regarding their commitment to the UC2B project.

Committee Member Bowersox adjourned meeting at 1:23 p.m.