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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Zoom Meeting: August 9, 2023 – 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Attended: Brian Anderson, Theodore L. Chandler, Jr., Cliff Fleet, Wilson Flohr, Moses Foster, Thomas R. Frantz, Greg Gilligan, Nancy Grden, Ross Grogg, Mitch Haddon, Bob Holsworth, Sarah Jane Kirkland, Peggy Layne, Laura Robidoux, James Spore, and Bryan Stephens

Absent: Aubrey L. Layne, Christopher Lloyd, John W. Martin, and John F. Reinhart

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome and Minutes Approval: June 29 EC Meeting Minutes
2. Convergence 2023 Planning Discussion
 - Agenda
 - Governor Invitation Letter and Addendum
3. Global Internet Hub Council
 - Meeting Notes with Lead Investors
 - Proposed Global Internet Hub Council budget submitted to Hampton Roads Community Foundation
4. Board Bio Book draft
5. Old Business / New Business
 - Megaregion concept on the rise: Article about the San Antonio-Austin Megaregion

Welcome and Minutes Approval: June 29 EC Meeting Minutes

Greg Gilligan opened the meeting expressing RVA757 Connects' appreciation to Cliff Fleet for providing a space at the Williamsburg Lodge to host the June 29 meeting. The Executive Committee (EC) shared compliments for the room, food, and ambiance.

The EC unanimously approved the June 29, 2023 EC meeting minutes.



Convergence 2023 Planning Discussion

Agenda:

- The draft Convergence 2023 agenda is open for the Governor to choose any one of the available keynote options. Attendance confirmation is pending. Economic overview speakers and panel discussion speakers have been confirmed. The Chambers are working on confirming their respective innovation speakers. The EC offered a number of suggestions.

Governor Invitation Letter and Addendum:

- The Governor has been invited to Convergence 2023. His keynote will feature an announcement about the Global Internet Hub Strategic Plan. Everyone has been encouraged to attend Convergence. Expected attendance will be reported closer to the event.

Global Internet Hub Council

Meeting Notes with Lead Investors:

- RVA757 Connects' staff met with lead investors of the Global Internet Hub Strategic Plan initiative on July 24. The lead investors suggested forgoing membership dues and instead getting start-up funding from a core team of investors. The core team will fund up to \$100K of the Global Internet Hub Council's first year of expenses. The EC agreed that this is an effective strategy to support the council and strategic plan.

Proposed Global Internet Hub Council budget submitted to Hampton Roads Community Foundation:

- A grant application has been submitted for \$300K (\$100K per year for three years) to start up the Global Internet Hub (GIH) Council. Our organization is waiting for the Hampton Roads Community Foundation's (HRCF's) approval of this grant. The HRCF board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. John Martin will prepare a presentation for this meeting.
- The GIH Council's program manager will be responsible for implementing the 10 strategies. However, this will happen in tandem with other organizations that are already working toward the same goals. For instance, the Hampton Roads Alliance conducted a study of on-site readiness for data centers and other industries. They will be one of the parties asked to help lead this effort.
- RVA757 Connects' staff hopes to share good news from the Hampton Roads Community Foundation at the next EC meeting.



GIH Map:

- Meta has provided a grant of \$14K to create an executive summary map. This map will be presented to the EC when it has been reviewed and approved by the lead stakeholders.

Board Bio Book

- Laura Robidoux is gathering director bios and headshot photos from company websites. She will send individual emails to each person on the board of directors for bio and photo approval this month. The goal is to have the board bios on our website by the September 28 Convergence 2023 event.

Old Business / New Business

- Shared an article about a new megaregion forming between San Antonio and Austin that brings forth there are several similar organizations to RVA757 Connects across the country and megaregions are developing with intentionality.
- RVA757 Connects' staff reminded the EC that the organization's 990 tax form was reviewed and approved by EC co-chairs, has been submitted to the IRS by the organization's accountant, and is available for review in the document portal located on RVA757 Connect's website.
- A reflection of the June 8 EC meeting led to a discussion of the recap of John Martin's findings from the Kansas City and Charleston intercity trips hosted by the chambers. This recap contained 10 Tenets of Successful Regional Visioning and Action Frameworks for our megaregion to follow.

Both Hampton Roads and Richmond are working on regional plans. The Richmond MRT will publish a regional plan in September. In addition, the GO Virginia regions four and five will publish their plans in October.

It was suggested to look for and discuss commonalities between these plans during a November or December EC meeting.

- Innovation Spotlights:
 - The next scheduled spotlights include:
 1. September 6: Activation Capital
 2. October 4: DE-CIX
 3. December 6: Rocket Lab
 - Other suggested speakers include:



1. Jason El Koubi, VEDP
2. Jennifer Wakefield, Greater Richmond Partnership, and Doug Smith, Hampton Roads Alliance

The next meeting is scheduled for September 13 at 8 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 9 a.m.