



SANDYNET ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 7:00 PM
17175 Meinig Ave and via Zoom

AGENDA

TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN-PERSON:

Come to 39250 Pioneer Blvd., Sandy, OR 97055

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ROLL CALL

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- [1.](#) Approval of Minutes

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- [2.](#) Affordable Connectivity Program Sunset

- [3.](#) Master Plan Update

STAFF UPDATES

- [4.](#) ARPA Update

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SandyNet Board Meeting Minutes – 7/20/23

Members Present: Jeremy Pietzold, Chair; Joe Smith, Advisory Board Member; Gregory Freetage, Advisory Board Member; Don Williams, Advisory Board Member; Jed Rabe, Advisory Board Member; Greg Moore, Advisory Board Member; Don Hokanson, Council Liaison.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Gregory Brewster, IT Director

1. Meeting started at 7:02pm
2. Introduction of new board members Rabe and Moore
3. Joel Brache departure message and call for new board chair.
 - a. Motion by board member Rabe for Jeremy Pietzold, seconded by Greg? (Need verification)
 - i. Passed unanimously
4. Motion by board member Smith to approve the Nov 17th minutes, seconded by member Freetage, passed unanimously at 7:43 pm.
5. Motion by board member Smith to approve the Jan19th 2022 minutes, seconded by member Freetage, passed unanimously at 7:43 pm.
6. SandyNet Master Plan RFP Discussion
 - a. Board member Smith mentions a need for the city ordinance/reference for bidding on RFP.
 - b. Board member Williams requests that the plan focus on the next 10 years
 - c. Council Liaison Hokanson mentions a need to touch on grants and funding component into the Master plan, Members Rabe and Moore agree.
 - d. Council Liaison Hokanson recommends the addition of a benchmarking element. Board member Moore follows up with examples including how SandyNet might compare to other municipal ISPs in Oregon.
 - e. Reference to tying the RFP and master plan into the Council goal of making SandyNet sustainable and self-sufficient.
 - f. Board member Williams asks to incorporate SandyNet's philosophy into the RFP
 - g. Discussion over finances
 - i. Board member Smith asks for cash flow analysis and considerations in the master plan: consider city growth, prior debt obligations, future potential debt obligations
 - ii. Chair Pietzold addition; consider long term payment model, additional revenue sources, consideration of community needs and wants and a focus on city goals.
 - h. Council Liaison Hokanson recommended two items:
 - i. Identify and list stakeholders
 - ii. Disaster recovery and resiliency plans and analysis
 - i. Board member Moore recommends a requirement for a capital outlay for expected development/expansion. Cost projection/expectation for expansion and services

- j. Recommendation for more bidder criteria and experience requirements. Years of experience/certifications.
 - k. Include a presentation section, make it a requirement that the consultant shall present to the City Council
 - l. Expand and refine the grading criteria, include experience and costs.
 - m. Ask for references in the bid response. Include cases of notable and relevant work.
 - n. Council Liaison Hokanson recommends reaching out to other cities for benchmarking information.
7. Discussion of Knollwood Estates
- a. Staff provided an update and current dilemma with Knollwood Estates, considering multiple factors including the City's desired position and obligations
 - b. Board discussed the idea of monetary payment for entrance to park and consensus was reached with recommendations that SandyNet is not in a position to begin providing monetary incentives for rights-to-access.
 - c. Council Liaison Hokanson mentioned desire for the Council to reach out to Knollwood and discuss.
8. Board Adjourned at 8:58 pm



Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) Wind-Down Fact Sheet

In 2021, Congress established the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, appropriating \$14.2 billion. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) was tasked to develop and implement the ACP as well as ACP outreach and awareness activities.

As of January 2024, over 22 million households are enrolled and receiving the ACP monthly benefit.

For more general information about the ACP, visit [GetInternet.gov](https://www.getinternet.gov).

What's happening?

Without additional funding from Congress, the allotted \$14.2 billion to fund the ACP is projected to run out in April 2024 (this date is an estimate and may change). As a result, the FCC has begun taking steps to wind down the ACP, which means:

- ACP applications and enrollments will not be processed after February 7, 2024 at 11:59 PM ET.
- Households who have applied, been approved, and are receiving the monthly internet discount before February 8, 2024 will continue to receive their ACP benefit until ACP funds run out, as long as the household remains enrolled in the program.
- After the ACP funds run out (projected in April 2024), households participating in the ACP will no longer receive the ACP discounts.

What does this mean for low-income households not in the ACP?

- Because of the wind down of the program, the ACP will need to stop new enrollments. Starting February 8, 2024, no new enrollments will be accepted.
- Eligible households that are not already enrolled and who wish to receive the ACP benefit should complete an application at [GetInternet.gov](https://www.getinternet.gov) as soon as possible to allow time for the processing of your application. Once your application is qualified, you must sign up with an internet company by February 7, 2024 at 11:59 PM ET to start receiving your benefit.
- If you qualified for the ACP but you did not sign up with an internet company before February 7, 2024 at 11:59 PM ET, then you can no longer enroll in the ACP.

How does wind-down impact enrolled ACP households?

- Households that are enrolled in ACP will continue to receive monthly discounted internet service through the end of the ACP.
- During the ACP wind-down period, ACP households will receive notices from their internet company about the impact of the end of the benefit on how the household's bill and service. The notices will tell households:
 - (1) that the ACP is ending,
 - (2) the impact on their bill,
 - (3) the date of the last bill they will receive that includes the ACP benefit, and
 - (4) that they may change their service or opt-out of continuing service after the end of the ACP
- ACP households may also switch their internet plans without penalty.

ACP households should:

- Consistently check their emails for more information and for further updates regarding the ACP benefit. Also visit <http://www.AffordableConnectivity.gov> and www.fcc.gov/acp.
- Contact their internet company for questions about how the end of the ACP will affect their monthly bill and to ask about available options.
- Visit www.fcc.gov/acp to access answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) and other guidance about the ACP wind-down process, including what households need to know about retaining internet service after the end of the ACP.
- Contact USAC directly for any other questions about the ACP wind-down. Households can call the ACP Support Center at 877-384-2575 for information about their benefit.

What are the important dates I should be aware of regarding the ACP wind-down?

- **February 7, 2024:** This is the last day that the ACP will accept new applications and enrollments. Eligible households must be approved and enrolled with an internet company by 11:59 PM ET on February 7th to receive the ACP benefit. Starting February 8, 2024, there will be no more enrollments into the ACP.
- **Starting late January 2024:** Households that are currently receiving a monthly ACP benefit will start to receive notices from their internet providers with information about the end of the ACP benefit. This information will include timing of the end of the program and the impact of the loss of the benefit on the household's bill and service.
- **April 2024:** The FCC anticipates existing ACP funding to run out in April 2024 if Congress does not provide additional funding. Consumers that are enrolled in the ACP will continue to receive their benefit on their internet service through April 2024. This date is an estimate and may change.