



## **Skokie Telecommunications and Technology (STAT) Commission** **Meeting Agenda**

Date: **Tuesday August 29, 2023**  
Time: **7 p.m.**  
Location: **Skokie Village Hall**  
**Conference Room A**

1. **Welcome & Introductions**  
New Commissioner Vincent Giovannone
2. **Approve Minutes from Tuesday July 25,2023**
3. **NEW FORM FOR PROGRAM PLANNING**
4. **Discussion Programming**

### **LETS PRIORITIZE ITEMS AND TABLE REST**

- **Cyber Security Program AVI/\_\_\_\_\_**  
Let's prepare for another event in October. To include **A Program on Tracking**  
An event on digital privacy and why you get ads when you go to places, visit webpages, or say certain things. Also will include **A Program on Credit Improving Technology** Avi suggested a joint event with the Consumer Affairs Commission on Credit Improving Technology. **Financial Literacy** may be included in this
- **Home Medical Technology Syed/Baccet**  
Syed explained that he would like to assist in this program. Sam said he will share his notes on the topic. (I have no notes after all.) Syed and Baccet will have a meeting about an inkling of a plan and Alex will engage people at the Health Department. The Health Department was contacted by Alex, and they suggested this program is not for them, they will give Alex a list of providers that will be more interested in assisting with this process. One of the reasons is that we are not professional enough to word this in a way where we are not stepping over the line of dispensing medical advice.
- **A program about navigating Aggressive sales tactics Chris O / AVI**  
Christopher initiated a discussion on the aggressive sales tactics of phone providers and how the Commission can help educate residents on these tactics and how to best navigate them.
- **Technology for Skokie Residents & Businesses:**
  - **Tech for Families Communicating with International Families Scott/Sam**  
Scott explained that many people living in Skokie are likely communicating with family members living in different countries and that a program on technology that helps residents connect with family



might be beneficial to residents. Alex will send Scott and Sam the age and demographic data of the Village.

- **Technology Glossary Avi Lead/All Commissioners**

Avi advised the group that many Skokie residents are likely not familiar with the names and acronyms associated with every day technology. Alex discussed the possibility of creating a glossary of technology and posting it to the STAT webpage. Avi added that the group could create mini-video presentations on the technology and post them to YouTube or link already created videos to the STAT page. I sent a list to Avi, it needs to be pared down

- **Survey Residents & Businesses on Technology Questions Scott/Alex (all contribute)**

Scott suggested that the group create separate surveys for residents and businesses that ask what technological questions that they would like answered or what technology programs they might want to see.

**FINALIZE PUBLICITY**

- **Technological Excellence Award Jimmy/Syed**

Jimmy suggested that the Commission conduct a Village-wide technological excellence award where applicants will be rated on their application of technological innovations in their everyday life, businesses, etc. Must create a nomination form and have it on the STAT page 2 months in advance.

Can a list of finalized questions be put on paper, and what will we award?

- *Name of Individual or Industry*
- *How does this individual or industry demonstrate technological excellence?*
- *How has this individual or industry made a positive impact on Skokie?*
- **FINALIZE PUBLICITY**

- **STAT Website – How the Village is Using Tech Avi/Chris O**

Avi suggested that the Commission showcase how the Village is using technology on the STAT webpage. Avi and Chris Oh will meet to discuss the webpage. Alex explained that he can assist in the page development and providing content. To include **Videos on how the Village is using technology.**

The group agreed that the first two videos should be "How the Village Telegraphs Sewers" and "How the Village uses Drones". Alex will talk with the communications team on developing the videos.

- **A Program on AI and ChatGPT Avi/\_Baccet\_\_**

The group discussed having an educational event on the use of ChatGPT and other emerging AI platforms. The group discussed creating an advisory memo for the Village Board on using AI like ChatGPT. This could be expanded to have trainings and/or a presentation.



- **An Event for Recycling Tech Waste and Shredding Sam / \_\_\_\_\_**  
The group discussed a technology waste cleanup event and possible collaboration with SWANCC. Alex reminded the group that SWANCC offers a number of waste events each year and that all Skokie residents can attend these events.
- **A collaboration on a drone photography event Jimmy/ \_\_\_\_\_**  
or drone photo contest, with the Fine Arts Commission

5. **New Business**

6. **Next Meeting September 26,2023**

7. **Adjourn**