

Federation of Community Councils Manager's Report October 21, 2009

FCC Office remodel:

The remodeling of the FCC office space is now complete! We moved in over the past two weeks, trying hard to cram everything into a slightly smaller (and less expensive) space.

We have some old electronics to analyze, bookshelves and file cabinets to reorganize, and pictures and maps to hang. I think that it will look really nice when done (and be efficient for our purposes.) AND we have lowered our monthly rent from \$569/month down to \$420/month for the duration of the lease (mid-summer 2010). The landlord is very interested in signing a multi-year lease with us at that time.

Computer Viruses and the Status of the new FCC computers:

On Friday October 9th (PFD day) our computers got infected with a nasty virus that shut down our ability to send and receive emails. Our computers were out of business until the following Tuesday afternoon October 13th. It meant that at least one council newsletter did not get sent out by USPS mail. Since last week we have been getting a very large number of returned emails. It appears that the computers of many council members are rejecting the council emails. We have twice had the technicians over to fix the problem. The problem may persist until we start up the new computers. We will try to shift all council e-mailings over to the Constant Contact software (which does not appear to have the "kickback" problem.)

New FCC computers:

We are looking to buy the new computers and related software later this week. We are planning to buy one dedicated server, one desktop and one laptop that can be used during presentations in the conference room. We will buy a projector as well.

State Grants administered:

All grant reports are up to date.

Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) Conference:

Jason Bergerson is attending the October meeting of the board of NUSA (Neighborhoods, USA) this week and will be reporting back to us next meeting.

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