

Sugar Hill Broadband Committee Minutes/Draft

August 10, 2022

Zoom Meeting

Attending: Carol Miller, consultant (National Collaborative for Digital Equity)

Nancy Martland, Doug Evelyn, Jason Tors, Jordan Applewhite, Tim Egan, Margo Connors

Guests: Melinda Kinney - Charter/Spectrum,

Nancy Vailas and Jeanne Cummings - Sugar Hill residents

Presentation by Melinda Kinney on how Spectrum can serve the broadband needs of Sugar Hill.

There are currently 299 localities in Sugar Hill with broadband access through Spectrum. Carol Miller and Margo will compile a list of all the addresses that do not have cable.

Service is scalable with opportunities for customers to get speed upgrades of up to 1000x35 Mbps.

Ms. Kinney described Spectrum Internet Assist which is a low cost, high speed broadband service that is available to low income families and senior citizens for \$17.99 per month.

For more information go to [SpectrumInternetAssist.com](https://SpectrumInternetAssist.com)

Spectrum is participating in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) to help connect eligible households with high-speed internet during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

This program provides a credit of up to \$30 per month toward any tier of broadband service.

<https://www.spectrum.net/support/internet/affordable-connectivity-program>.

She also described the Community Solutions Bulk Program which the committee will learn more about at next month's meeting.

The committee agreed to work on a draft RFP for a public/private partnership for broadband expansion with an internet service provider at the next meeting on September 14, 2022 at 5 pm via Zoom.

Welcome Jeanne Cummings as a new member of the committee!

Respectfully submitted,

Margo Connors