



Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission
Regular Meeting

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City Hall – Austin, Texas

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Current Commission Members:

Lemuel Williams, Jr., Chair	Elizabeth Quintanilla, Vice Chair
Wendell Ramsey	Chip Rosenthal
Melvin White	Taylor Overstreet
VACANT POSITION	

The following items are posted for discussion and possible action.

1. Call to order – June 12, 2013 - 6:36 p.m.

Commission members in attendance:

Lemuel Williams, Jr.
Elizabeth Quintanilla
Wendell Ramsey
Chip Rosenthal
Melvin White
Taylor Overstreet

Staff in attendance:

Rondella Hawkins
Paul Lewis
John Speirs
Jane Reina

2. Adoption of agenda.

The agenda was adopted by consent of the Commission

3. Citizen Communications: General

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

No citizens signed up for general citizen communications.

4. Approval of minutes – May 8, 2013 Commission Regular Meeting.

Minutes from the Commission regular meeting of May 8, 2013 were approved on Commissioner Rosenthal's motion; Commissioner Quintanilla's second on a vote of 6-0.

View approved minutes at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=191163>

5. Approval of minutes – May 28, 2013 Special Called Meeting.

Minutes from the Commission Special Called meeting of May 28, 2013 were approved on Commissioner White's motion; Commissioner Quintanilla's second on a vote of 6-0.

View approved minutes at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=191165>

6. Update report on City of Austin's Office of Innovations proposal. (Howard Lazarus & Doug Matthews) (wp4)

Howard Lazarus, Director of Public Works, gave the report on the City of Austin's Office of Innovations proposal which included; where are we in the process; peer cities comparison/lessons learned; where do we want to go; and chief innovation officer search.

View PowerPoint presentation at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=190902>

7. Communications & Technology Management (CTM) staff presentation on proposed FY 14 Budget. (Stephen Elkins, Chief Information Officer) (wp6)

Stephen Elkins, Chief Information Officer gave an overview of CMT proposed FY 14 Budget with a PowerPoint.

View PowerPoint presentation at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=191168>

8. Discussion and possible action on policy recommendation for the City to periodically survey residents to ascertain technology access, capabilities, and needs of the community. (Commissioner Rosenthal) (wp6)

Recommendation to City Council that the City of Austin periodically engage in a residential technology survey to develop a profile of the information and communication technology means, skills, and needs in the community; the survey should be revised and administered at three year intervals was approved on Commissioner Rosenthal's motion, Commissioner Quintanilla's second on a vote of 6-0-0.

View approved recommendation at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=191167>

9. Re-activation of Community Technology Assessment Working Group (Commissioner Quintanilla) (wp3)

Commissioner Quintanilla stated that the next goal for this working group would be to make sure the survey gets drafted and developed and sent out so we have a good sample size in order to get good feedback.

We will be obtaining results from other group's surveys.

The Community Technology Assessment Working Group will wait to see if the survey will be funded in FY 14's budget before they consider re-activating the group.

10. Discussion and possible action on budget recommendation regarding funding for civic technology initiatives. (Commissioner Rosenthal) (wp6)

Recommendation to City Council that the City of Austin allocates staff and funding resources to implement the following civic technology projects which include Issue Management System; Open Data Dashboard; Open Data Administrator; and Civic Software Hosting Platform was approved on Commissioner Rosenthal's motion, Commissioner Ramsey second on a vote of 6-0-0.

View approved recommendation at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=191166>

If this project moves forward, CTM would be responsible for implementing the projects in this recommendation.

11. Discussion and possible action on Scope of Work Recommendations for Austin Free-Net contract. (John Speirs) (wp3)

The Staff recommendations on the scope of work principals for the for Public Access to the Internet community technology initiative contract with Austin Free-Net and with Staff working with Austin Free-Net to develop a contract consistent with the policy approved by this Commission and the public access to the Internet contract continues to be the flagship program advancing the City's digital inclusion goals was approved on Commissioner Rosenthal's motion, Commissioner White's second on a vote of 6-0-0.

View the recommended scope at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=194439>

12. Staff briefing on Legislative, Regulatory and Policy update. (Paul Lewis) (wp5)

Paul Lewis, Assistant Manager of the City of Austin Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs (TARA) Office update included Cable/Video Issues; State Legislation; and Federal activity.

View complete report at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=190918>

13. Staff update on Community Technology Initiative and the Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs). (John Speirs) (wp2)

John Speirs, Program Coordinator with the City of Austin Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs gave a brief update on GTOPs which included a Public Service Announcement (PSA) that was developed by the City's Public Information Office for Texas Folklife Resources FY 12 GTOPs program that Texas Folklife partnered with AISD on.

View PSA at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WcIcr0LQyP4>

14. Update report from Open Government Working Group. (Commissioner Rosenthal) (wp4)

Postponed

15. Update reports on networking relationships with other boards/commissions and groups, citywide and Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission (ACT&TC) information items.

Commissioner Rosenthal stated that on May 23 the ATX Expo was held at City Hall. It was well attended. The Expo also included a press conference and a mini demo hack-a-thon which resulted in a product call ATX scores, a web interface to the restaurant inspection score data base.

June 1 & 2 was the National Day of Civic Hacking sponsored by St Edwards University here in Austin.

For more info on these events visit: www.open-austin.org

16. Discussion of agenda items for ACT&TC future meetings.

Possible agenda items for August 14, 2013 regular meeting:

- Presentation from Kansas City's Office of Innovation (wp4)
- Austin Energy update on 311 (wp3)
- Presentation from Google Fiber (wp3)
- Austin Free-Net update (wp3)
- Channel Austin update (wp1)
- Report from GTOPs Grant Review Working Group (wp2)
- Staff briefing on Legislative, Regulatory and Policy update. (Paul Lewis) (wp5)
- Staff update on Community Technology Initiative and the Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs). (John Speirs) (wp2)

17. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm