Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission
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December 11, 2013
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
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The following items are posted for discussion and possible action.

1. Call to order – December 11, 2013 - 6:36 p.m.

    Commission members in attendance:
    Lemuel Williams, Jr.
    Commissioner 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.

4. Approval of minutes – October 9, 2013 Commission Regular Meeting.

    Minutes from the Commission regular meeting of October 9, 2013 were approved on Commissioner Quintanilla's motion; Commissioner White's second on a vote of 5-0.

5. Approval of minutes – November 6, 2013 Commission Special Called Meeting.

    Minutes from the Commission special called meeting of November 6, 2013 were approved on Commissioner Quintanilla's motion; Commissioner White's second on a vote of 5-0.

6. Election of Austin Community Technology & Telecommunications Commission Vice-Chair.

    Motion to elect Commissioner Elizabeth Quintanilla as Vice Chair of the Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission for the term of November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2014 was approved on Commissioner White's motion; Commissioner Ramsey's second on a vote of 5-0.

7. Texting and driving ordinance update (Bianca Bentzin) (wp7)

    Ms. Bentzin with the City of Austin's Law Department gave an overview of the texting and driving ordinance. They will be recommending changes for the current city code on this subject which include expanding the ordinance to address electronic devices as opposed to limiting to wireless communication devices. See her PowerPoint presentation at:
    http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=202280

    Citizen Communications: Mr. Edward Sledge gave some scenarios of distracted driving and ask the Commission on support amending the current texting and driving ordinance.

8. channelAustin update. (Stefan Wray) (wp1)

    Stefan Wray, General Manager of channelAustin gave a brief update that included their organizational restructure; year in review; statement of activities; and statement of financial position. PowerPoint: http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=203237

9. Austin Energy update on 311. (Lemuel Williams) (wp3)

    Commissioner Williams gave the 311 update which included Austin Open Government Database 311 Data Set; Smart Phone App & Open 311 API; and Automated 2-way database interfaces View the report at: http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=202661

10. Action of 2014 meeting schedule. (Lemuel Williams)

    Motion for the Commission to meet the second Wednesday of every month in the year of 2014 except July with a plan for a limited agenda in January focusing on workplan items and with plans for an off-site location for the March meeting was approved on Commissioner Rosenthal's motion; Commissioner Ramsey's second on a vote of 5-0.

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

   Paul Lewis, Assistant Manager of the City of Austin Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs update included Cable/Video Issue; City Regulations and Federal Activity. View full report at: http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=202660

12. Staff update on Community Technology Initiative and the Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs) and discussion and possible action on appointment of 2014 GTOPs Grant Review Committee. (John Speirs) (wp2)

   The 2014 Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs) Grant Review Committee member appointments are Allison Chandler Supamcic, Gayle Williams, Phil C. Ernst, Randall Kolb, Stacy Bouwman, and Tianca Crocker. They were approved on Commissioner Quintanilla's motion, Commission White's second on a vote of 4-0-1. (Commissioner Rosenthal abstained)

13. Update on the Google Fiber Community Connections site selection process (Rondella Hawkins & John Speirs) (wp3)

   Ms. Hawkins reported the propose list of sites was forwarded from the Emerging Tech Council Committee to City Council for action for December 12th. The final list will be placed on the City's open portal.

14. Update report from Open Government Working Group. (Chip 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 Quintanilla reported on the site visit of some of the Housing Authority of the City of Austin's (HACA) digital media/computer labs. She found that you will now need computer skills to get a GED because it can only be obtained online.

   Commissioner Rosenthal reported that Open Austin had its final open gov hack night of the year. Open Austin is a local volunteer group that advocated for open data/open government civic technology.

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

   The January 8, 2014 meeting will be the 2014 workplan retreat.
   -Review 2013 workplan accomplishments
   -Develop 2014 workplan

17. Adjournment

   The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm