COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES
Regular Meeting - April 8, 2015
City Hall - Austin, TX

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CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Lemuel Williams, Chair	Chelsea McCullough, Vice Chair
Wendell Ramsey	Melvin White
Elizabeth Quintanilla	Tracy LaQuey Parker
David Holmes	

Commission Members Present:
Lemuel Williams, Chair
Chelsea McCullough, Vice Chair
Wendell Ramsey
Melvin White
Tracy LaQuey Parker
David Holmes

Commissioner Members Absent:
Elizabeth Quintanilla

Staff in attendance:
Rondella Hawkins
Paul Lewis
John Speirs

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL
The first ten 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 communications.

2. **APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES**

Minutes from the commission regular meeting of March 11, 2015 were approved on Commissioner McCullough's motion; Commissioner Parker's second. On a vote of 6-0. (Commissioner Quintanilla absent)

3. **NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)**

   a. Presentation from River City Youth Foundation (Mona Gonzalez, Executive Director)

   Presented how Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs) has helped their TechComunidad program. Visit their PowerPoint at:
   http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=229664

   b. Presentation from Austin Chamber of Commerce on Clean Energy (John King, Vice Chair, CleanTX)

   Mr. King reported on the economic impact on of Clean Energy on Texas. See the PowerPoint at: http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=228864

   c. Recognition of GTOPs Grant Review Committee members (John Speirs, TARA)

   Mr. Speirs thanked the Committee members. Commissioner White presented them with Council proclamations.

   d. Appointment of 2015 GTOPs Review Working Group. (Chair Williams)

   Motion to appoint Commissions Holmes, White and McCullough as the 2016 GTOPs Review Working Group was adopted by consent of the Commission. (Commissioner Quintanilla absent)

4. **STAFF BRIEFINGS (Discussion and Possible Action**

   a. CTM Open Government Update (Matt Esquibel, CTM)

   Mr. Esquibel gave a brief update on the City of Austin's Open Government initiative. Visit the PowerPoint at: http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=228796

   b. City of Austin Transport Network 2.0 (Mike LaMarre, CTM)

   Mr. LaMarre gave a brief update on the upgrades to the City's network and telecommunications infrastructure. . View the PowerPoint at:
   http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=228886

c. Digital Inclusion Strategic Plan Update (John Speirs, Sharla Chamberlain, TARA)

A brief update was made with a PowerPoint and memo:
http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=228798
http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=228797

d. Legislative, Regulatory and Policy Update (Paul Lewis, TARA)

Paul Lewis, Assistant Manager of the City of Austin Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs (TARA) update included Cable/Video Issue; City & State Regulations; and Federal Activity.   Visit the full report at:
http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=228865

e. TARA Officer's Report – Executive Update, channelAustin Report, Austin Free-Net Report

Ms. Hawkins, TARA Officer reported:
Broadband Communities Summit April 14-16 at Renaissance Hotel.

Links to reports from channelAustin and Austin Free-Net:
http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=228611
http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=228610
http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=228609
http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=228612

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Chair Announcements

Bill Starts provided a written report to Commissioner Williams to pass on to the Commission: http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=229011

b. Items from Commission Members

Commission Ramsey reported that he didn't attend but received feedback from a diversity hack-a-thon at Huston-Tillotson University during SXSW. At least 50 students were involved and could be available to work with community leaders in other hack-a-thon environments.

Commissioner McCullough reported that Austin is going to be one of 12 cities globally that is included in an effort called NewCo, which is a global platform that curates a lineup of mission-driven, high growth companies changing the face of our economy. They embrace a culture of openness, and view work as more than a job – it's a calling.

In each city they invite a select number of NewCos to open their doors and share their unique story. Read more about Host Company opportunities at: http://newco.co/are-you-a-newco/

Commissioner White reported he attended a City of Austin Career Fest. This was attended by about 13,000 young people. 95% of the vendor required you to go online to apply for jobs.

Commissioner White announced that the City of Austin's Small & Minority Business Resources Department (SMBR) is hosting their monthly workshop on technology on April 28 at One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs, Room 325. More info at: http://www.austintexas.gov/department/small-and-minority-businesss

c. Items from City Staff

Ms. Hawkins encouraged the Commission to reapply for appoint to the Commission with the City Clerk Office. All current members' terms end June 30, 2015. Council must appoint a quorum for your board to continue meeting. Terms begin in March instead of August to coincide with November elections. Bylaws will be updated when the new boards begin meeting.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Proposed agenda items for the May 13, 2015 regular meeting:
- Presentation from GTOPs recipient, the Thinkery (Austin Children's Museum)
- City of Austin Innovations Office update
- Unlocking the Connection (Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA), Google, and Austin Free-Net)
- Open Austin update (Chip Rosenthal)
- Hack for Change update (Vice Chair McCullough)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm