



COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Regular Meeting

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City Hall - Austin, TX

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CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Natalie Cofield - Mayor Steve Adler
Betsy Greenberg - Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo, District 9
Pinaki Ghosh - Council Member Ora Houston, District 1
Narissa Johnson - Council Member Delia Garza, District 2
Malcolm Yeatts - Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria, District 3
Benjamin Graham - Council Member Gregorio Casar, District 4
William (Dave) Floyd - Council Member Ann Kitchen, District 5
Lemuel Williams - Council Member Don Zimmerman, District 6
Mateo Clarke - Council Member Leslie Pool, District 7
Tanner Vaughan - Council Member Ellen Troxclair, District 8
Sumit DasGupta - Council Member Sheri Gallo, District 10

Commission Members Present:

Pinaki Ghosh
Narissa Johnson
Malcolm Yeatts
Benjamin Graham
William (Dave) Floyd
Lemuel Williams
Mateo Clarke
Tanner Vaughan
Sumit DasGupta

Commission Member Absent:

Betsy Greenberg

Commission appointee, Natalie Cofield had not been sworn in and was not in attendance.

Staff in attendance:

Rondella Hawkins
Paul Lewis
Sharla Chamberlain
Jane Reina

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 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 citizen communications.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

a. Introduction of Members

Each Commissioner gave a brief introduction.

b. Introduction of Staff Liaisons

The Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs (TARA) staff that work directly with this Commission each gave a brief introduction.

c. Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs Introduction (Rondella Hawkins, Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs (TARA) Officer)

TARA Officer, Rondella Hawkins gave an extensive overview of the TARA Office. View the PowerPoint at: <http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=236209>

d. Community Technology & Telecommunications Commission Mission & Scope (Rondella Hawkins, TARA Officer)

The Commission's Enabling Ordinance was provided to the Commission which sets out their mission and scope. This is also part of the City Code Section 2-1-107. Ms. Hawkins gave an overview of the Commission's scope and mission.

Open Government/Open Data (Council Resolution No. 20111208-074) is part of the Commission's purview but is not set out in the Enabling Ordinance at this time. Ms. Hawkins suggested that this Commission recommend amending their Enabling Ordinance to include this.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion to accept Commissioner Lemuel Williams as Chair and Commissioner Malcolm Yeatts as Vice Chair to the Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission for the term July 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016 was approved on consent of the Commission. (Commissioner Greenberg absent. Commissioner Cofield not sworn in yet.)

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS (Discussion and Possible Action)

a. Digital Inclusion Initiative Policy Briefing (Sharla Chamberlain, TARA)

Sharla Chamberlain, Program Specialist with the TARA Office gave an extensive briefing to the Commission on the Digital Inclusion Initiative Policy. Visit the PowerPoint at:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=235884>

b. Legislative & Regulatory Overview and Public, Educational and Government (PEG) Access Update (Paul Lewis, TARA)

Paul Lewis, TARA Assistant Manager's update included Cable/Video Issue; City & State Regulations; and Federal Activity. Visit the full report at:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=236210>

5. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

Appoint City's 2016 Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs) Working Group (Sharla Chamberlain, TARA)

Motion to accept Commissioners Johnson, Floyd, Yeatts and Williams as the 2016 GTOP's Review Working Group was passed on consent of the Commission. Commissioner Johnson will serve as Chairs of this Working Group. (Commissioner Greenberg absent. Commissioner Cofield not sworn in yet.)

6. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 10, 2015

The minutes were not approved. This item will be placed on the September 9, 2015 agenda for approval.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Chair Announcements

Commission Chair Williams welcomed the Commission.

b. Items from Commission Members

Commission Chair Williams stated that this item is where the Commission can share announcement of events and activities (hack-a-thons, digital inclusion related; technology related) regarding this Commission's mission and scope.

Commissioner Clarke reported that Open Austin has an event scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2015; 6:45 pm at the Terrazas Branch Library, 1105 E Cesar Chavez St. The City Demographer will be in attendance. More info at: <https://www.open-austin.org>

c. Items from City Staff

Ms. Hawkins reported she has been chosen to represent the City of Austin at the ConnectHome Summit in D.C. on August 18-19th. The session is Unlocking the Connection and this was rolled out in Austin and is now a model for other Cities.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. Discussion of Bylaws

There was no discussion of the bylaws.

b. Next Regular Meeting: September 9, 2015

Items proposed for the September 9, 2015 meeting:

- Discussion and possible action on Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission Bylaws.
- GTOPs 2016 GTOPs Grant Review Work Group update.
- Presentation from GTOPs awardees.
- Presentation / Update from City Innovation Officer.
- Discuss 2015 Work plan.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm

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Posting Submitted by: Jane Reina, Administrative Specialist, Friday, August 7, 2015