



COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting

March 9, 2016

City Hall - Austin, TX

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CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Virgilia Singh - Mayor Steve Adler

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

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

Angela Newell - Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo, District 9

Sumit DasGupta - Council Member Sheri Gallo, District 10

Commission Members Present:

Virgilia Singh

Pinaki Ghosh

Narissa Johnson

Malcolm Yeatts

Dave Floyd

Lemuel Williams

Mateo Clarke

Tanner Vaughan

Angela Newell

Sumit DasGupta

Commission Members Absent:

Benjamin Graham

City Staff in Attendance:

Rondella Hawkins
John Speirs

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 10, 2016

Minutes from the Commission's regular meeting of February 10, 2016 were approved on Commissioner Vaughan's motion; Commissioner Floyd's second, on a vote of 10-0. (Commissioner Graham absent) <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=250090>

3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs) 2016 grant recommendations. (John Speirs, Commissioner Johnson)

Motion to accept the 2016 Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs) Grant Review Committee's (GTOPs) grant recommendations as follows: Boys Scouts of American Capitol Area Council at \$25,000; Austin Free-Net at \$24,000; Housing Authority of the City of Austin at \$24,000; The Arc of the Capital Area at \$23,500; Easter Seals – Central Texas, Inc. at \$23,000; Texas Folklife Resources at \$22,500; Austin Children's Museum at \$22,000; Meals on Wheels and More, Inc. at \$15,050; and Knowbility, Inc. at \$20,450, was approved on Commissioner Johnson's motion; Commissioner DasGupta's second, on a vote of 10-0. (Commissioner Graham absent.)

View the Grant awardees and their plan for the grant funds at:

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=249838>

4. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. 2016 Work Plan. (Chair Williams)

The framework for accomplishing the work plan goals was set up in working groups.

Commission Effectiveness Working Group: Commissioner Vaughn, Chair, Johnson, Floyd and Clarke

Civic Technology Working Group (combining Community Media, GTOPs, PEG and Digital Inclusion): Commissioner Johnson, Chair, Yeatts, and Williams
One IT (changed to Community Engagement) Working Group: Commissioner Ghosh, Chair, DasGupta and Floyd.

Notes from Newell are: Added to the One IT, Community Engagement Section:
Work with other City Commissions and Committees to understand and share technologies used to support effective communication and work

Open Government Working Group: Commissioner Clarke Chair; Newell, Singh, and Williams

Added to the Open Government Section: Evaluate public facing technologies and underlying systems that support engagement to identify, employ (as possible), and promote the most effective technologies and systems to support public participation in City governance.

These goals are due to/within the groups on or by 4/6, feedback 4/8 and approved during our April commission meeting 4/13.

5. Commission Updates

a. Working Group

Commissioner Ghosh, Chair of the Study of Mobile /Cellular and Broadband Reception Working Group, stated he has reached out to the telecom provider and they have not responded. He then reached out to other city on how they handle mobile communications coverage in their cities. Currently Council Member Houston's staff is trying to coordinate a meeting with AT&T. Since they have no base line for discussion at this time the Mobile Communications Work Group has not met.

Commissioner Williams stated that the working group needs to work with staff and various Council Members to form the goals and mission. A report will be given at the April meeting.

6. Staff Updates

a. Legislative & Regulatory Overview, & Pubic, Educational & Government (PEG) Access. (written report)

View full report at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=250050>

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next Regular Meeting: April 13, 2016

- Discussion and possible action on 2016 Work Plan
- Election of officers for term May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017
- Austin Film Society, Public Access Studio Managers, update and studio tour
- Amanda presentation

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm

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