

COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting May 10, 2017 City Hall - Austin, TX 78701

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CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Virgilia Pruthi - Mayor Steve Adler
Nehemiah Pitts III - Council Member Ora Houston, District 1
Claudia Yanez - Council Member Delia Garza, District 2
Malcolm Yeatts - Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria, District 3
David Alexander - Council Member Gregorio Casar, District 4
Dave Floyd - Council Member Ann Kitchen, District 5
Lemuel Williams - Council Member Jimmy Flannigan, District 6
Mateo Clarke - Council Member Leslie Pool, District 7
Vacant - Council Member Ellen Troxclair, District 8
Angela Newell - Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo, District 9
Sumit DasGupta - Council Member Alison Alter, District 10

Commission Members Present

Malcolm Yeatts
David Alexander
Dave Floyd
Mateo Clarke
Sumit DasGupta
Lemuel Williams
Claudia Yanez
Virgilia Pruthi
Nehemiah Pitts III

Unexcused Absence

Angela Newell

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:25 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.

Scott Johnson signed up to speak on the distracted driving ordinance. He advocated for new language to enhance the ordinance, including making it illegal to operate a device while stopped at a stoplight, use over-ear listening devices, or for passengers to distract the driver with their own devices.

Commissioner Pitts gave comments on avoiding the targeting technology rather than behaviors.

Vice Chair DasGupta gave comments on lax police enforcement of existing rules.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 12, 2017

Minutes from the Commission's regular meeting of April 12, 2017 were approved on Commissioner Williams' motion; Commissioner Pruthi's second, on a vote of 9-0.

3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

a. 2017 Work Plan Retreat

- The Innovation Office staff (Daniel Honker and Angela Hanson) gave an overview of proposed process for the retreat. The first part of the process was identifying why each Commissioner is interested in the commission:
 - Vice Chair DasGupta: He is interested in discovering why some communities are less connected than others. Noted that Austin wants to be a tech city, but is behind the curb of bandwidth. He is interested in finding out ways to catch up to other cities and countries in terms of bandwidth and the adoption of other emerging technologies.
 - Commissioner Alexander: Stated that quantum computing was the original draw to this space for him; spreading emerging tech to all communities and the potential of autonomous vehicles are things that keep him engaged.
 - Chair Clarke: He is interested in finding out ways for the community to assist the City in solving problems the private sector can't or won't and making data open.
 - Commissioner Pitts: Stated he thinks Austin is the political center of the US; he has a broad interest in tech, and is interested in fairness and for all-ness.

- Commissioner Pruthi: She is interested in connecting and sharing best practices.
- o Commissioner Floyd: He is interested in growth and economic development; smart cities, using tech in government, and autonomous vehicles.
- Commissioner Yanez: Stated she is interested in more accessibility in the minority communities.
- Commissioner Yeatts: Noted he would like to see more citizen oversight of city resources to the benefit of the city and getting resources to those who need it (Libraries getting high speed Internet for example).
- o Williams: Interested in innovation and working with his fellow commissioners
- The Commissioners went through an exercise that had them putting on the wall via sticky note all of the things that the Commission currently does and all of the things they would be interested in doing and talking about. Then the Commissioners grouped the ideas by similarity. The identified categories were:
 - o Technology Infrastructure and Innovation
 - Digital Inclusion
 - Transparency
 - o Civic Participation
 - Knowledge, Information, and Data Stewardship
 - Commission Effectiveness
- The Commissioners then noted what effort, passion, or thought they could offer to each category; selected their top two categories they were most interested in; and prioritized items within each of their top two categories.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next Regular Meeting: June 14, 2017.

Assistant Chief of Police Reyes: Data and tech side of body cams. Discussion on the Taser International contract (July)

David Edmonson of the Austin Tech Alliance (July)

Permitting Office update (June)

Written update from Stephen Elkins and Kerry O'Connor (June)

Wrapping up retreat items (June)

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn by Commissioner Pitts and seconded by DasGupta passed on a vote of 9-0 at 9:30 pm.

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