



Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission Regular Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday – December 8, 2010

The Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission convened in a regular meeting Wednesday, December 8, 2010, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas, City Hall, Room 1101.

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Current Commission Members:

Kedron Touvell, Chair	Chip Rosenthal, Vice Chair
Wendell Ramsey	Lemuel Williams, Jr.
Randall Kolb	Melvin White

The following items are posted for discussion and possible action.

1. Call to order – December 8, 2010 - 6:38 p.m.

Commission members in attendance:

Chip Rosenthal, Chair
Kedron Touvell, Vice Chair
Wendell Ramsey
Lemuel Williams, Jr.
Melvin White
Randall Kolb

City Staff in attendance

Rondella Hawkins
Paul Lewis
Jane Reina

2. Adoption of agenda.

The agenda was adopted by consent of the Commission

3. Citizen Communication: 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.

No citizens signed up for Citizen Communications

4. Approval of minutes – November 10, 2010 Commission Regular Meeting

The minutes from the regular meeting of November 10, 2010 was approved on Commissioner Rosenthal's motion; Commissioner Williams' second on a vote of 6-0-0.

5. Staff Briefings (Rondella Hawkins) (wp5)

- a. Legislative, Regulatory and Policy update.

Rondella Hawkins, Manager of the City of Austin's Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs report included: FCC Chairman will bring new net neutrality rules to the commission for a vote in December. Congressional Representative Upton replaces Congressional Representative Barton as chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

The RFP for public access television management is scheduled to be released at the end of December 2010.

- b. Update on Technology Ascertainment Survey. (wp3)

Ms Hawkins reported that the Technology Ascertainment Survey was mailed out to 1,500 citizens on November 30, 2010. A news conference announcing the survey was December 2nd at City Hall. Deadline to return completed surveys is December 20th. The final report on the outcome of the survey will be March 2011.

- c. Update on 2011 Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs). (wp2)

The 2011 grant applications were due December 2, 2010 and there were 35 applications turned in. The GTOPs Review Committee orientation meeting is scheduled for December 9th.

6. Old Business

- a. Discussion and possible action on the Commissions' involvement in the City of Austin Comprehensive Plan, Imagine Austin working groups. (wp4)

Motion to create an Imagine Austin Engagement Task Force with Commissioners Williams, Ramsey, Rosenthal and Touvell serving on the task force was approved on Commissioner Ramsey's motion; Commissioner Kolb's second on a vote of 6-0-0.

Commissioner Touvell will serve as chair of this task force.

The working groups for Imagine Austin are schedule to meet March through July 2011.

7. New Business

- a. Update reports on networking relationships with other boards/commissions and groups, citywide and Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission (ACT&TC) information items.

Commissioner Williams attended a City of Austin Healthy Choices Fair which provided good info on health eating.

Commissioner Touvell announced an Open House will be held at on December 13th at City Hall and 14th at One Texas Center regarding Imagine Austin.

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

Proposed items for the January 12, 2011 regular meeting agenda.

- Discussion on Tower Siting Ordinance.
- GTOPs update.
- Technology Survey update.
- Presentation from Planning and Development on their website.
- Adopt Commission meeting schedule for the year.
- Update on RFP for public access television management.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm