



**Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission
Regular Meeting** www.ci.austin.tx.us/telcommission

MINUTES

Wednesday – November 9, 2011

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Current Commission Members:

Lemuel Williams, Jr., Chair	Chip Rosenthal, Vice Chair
Wendell Ramsey	Kedron Touvell
Melvin White	Elizabeth Quintanilla

The following items are posted for discussion and possible action.

1. Call to order – November 9, 2011 - 6:35 p.m.

Commission members in attendance:

Lemuel Williams, Jr., Chair
Chip Rosenthal, Vice Chair
Wendell Ramsey
Kedron Touvell
Melvin White
Elizabeth Quintanilla

City Staff in attendance

Paul Lewis
John Speirs
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 general citizen communication.

4. Approval of minutes – September 14, 2011 Commission Regular Meeting and October 12, 2011 Commission Workplan Retreat.

The minutes from the Commission regular meeting of October 12, 2011 was approved on Commissioner Rosenthal's motion; Commissioner Quintanilla's second on a vote of 6-0-0.

The September 14, 2011 minutes are scheduled to be approved at the December 14th regular meeting.

5. Update on AustinGO project, website redesign and open government data initiative. (Stephen Elkins) (wp3)

A team from Stephen Elkins' office gave an update with a PowerPoint presentation that included web strategy and parallel projects.

View PowerPoint presentation at <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=160510>

6. Staff update on Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs). (John Speirs)(wp2)

John Speirs, Program Coordinator with the City of Austin Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs reported there 2 organizations outstanding for FY 10.

Outreach for 2012 cycle has been through 300 post card mailings or emails sent.

7. Discussion and possible action on the appointment of the 2012 GTOPs Grant Review Committee members and appointment of GTOPs Grant Review Committee Chair. (Williams)(wp2)

John Speirs reported that 8 people from the Austin Community applied for the GTOPs Grant Review Committee.

Postponed

Motion to have a special called meeting on Monday, November 14, 2011 for the purpose of taking action on the appointment of the 2012 GTOPs Grant Review Committee member was made on Commissioner Rosenthal's motion; Commissioner Touvell's second on a vote of 6-0-0.

8. Staff briefing on Legislative, Regulatory and Policy update. (Paul Lewis) (wp4)

Paul Lewis, Assistant Manager of the City of Austin Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs, Legislative, Regulatory and Policy update included Cable/Video Issues; INet Deactivation; AT&T U-Verse Carriage of PEG Channels; Federal activity; CAP Act HR 1746; FCC Notice of Inquiry (NOI) on Broadband Deployment; IAC Mission; FCC Commissioners nominated; SB 911 "Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovations Act"; HR 2483 and HR 1002.

View full briefing at <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=160231>

9. Technology Survey Task Force update. (Quintanilla) (wp3)

Commissioner Quintanilla reported the Task Force met on November 8, 2011. Their meeting included discussions on diving into chapter 2 of the survey report to better understand the finds for Internet non-users. They will follow with outreach efforts to highlight findings of survey and use benefits.

View full report at <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=160680>

10. Adopt Commission meeting schedule for 2012 (Williams)

The Commission's 2012 meeting scheduled was adopted, with the Commission cancelling their July meeting and making there December regular meeting their annual workplan retreat, on Commissioner Rosenthal's motion; Commissioner Touvell's second, on a vote of 6-0-0.

11. Discussion and possible action on 2012 Commission workplan (Williams).

This item was postponed until the December 2011 regular meeting

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

Commission Quintanilla gave an update on the **Enatech ???** conference she attended.

Commissioner Rosenthal gave an update on the Open Austin meeting that he and Commissioner Williams attended. He would like to invite this group to address this commission.

Drupal Camp Austin is 2 day event being held at the AT&T Conference Center. This will bring together a collection of Drupal developers and enthusiast from all over the state to share best practices as well as interesting things that at coming on with the Drupal community such as the open government initiative

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

Proposed items for the December 14, 2011 regular meeting agenda are as follows:

- o Austin Free-Net Update
- o Final adoption of 2012 workplan
- o September regular meeting minutes approval
- o Possible presentation from past GTOPs recipient
- o Discussion on this Commissions Enabling Ordinance

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm