



**Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission
Regular Meeting** <http://www.austintexas.gov/cttc>

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June 27, 2012

Channel Austin – Main Studio

1143 Northwestern, Austin, Texas

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| Lemuel Williams, Jr., Chair | Chip Rosenthal, Vice Chair |
| Wendell Ramsey | Kedron Touvell |
| Melvin White | Elizabeth Quintanilla |
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The following items are posted for discussion and possible action.

1. Call to order – June 27, 2012 - 6:30 p.m.

Commission members in attendance:

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

Commissioner member absent

Kedron Touvell

City Staff in attendance:

Rondella Hawkins
Paul Lewis
John Speirs

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 – May 9, 2012 Commission Regular Meeting.

The minutes from the Commission regular meeting of May 9, 2012 was approved on Commissioner Rosenthal's motion; Commissioner Ramsey's second on a vote of 5-0-0. (Commissioner Touvell absent)

5. Presentation from GTOPs awardee, Skillpoint Alliance. (Lainie Duro) (wp2)

Ms. Duro announced that Skillpoint Alliance's GTOPs funded program formally known as Community Technology Training Center Program will now be known as Empower Computer Literacy Program. This is a mobile learning center.

The mobile learning center has been parked at Mendez Middle School and Del Valle. It is very high tech and can fit 21 laptop computers with monitors. It also has a satellite dish for high speed internet.

In addition, the mobile learning center helps with their Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) program and helped build a relationship with Dove Springs Community School Alliance.

GTOPs funding has supported the training of 587 people and since 2008 they have taken 2,254 courses and that represents 23,000 service hours.

PowerPoint presentation: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=1727355>

6. AustinGo update presentation (Charles Purma, Matt Esquibel) (wp4)

The AustinGo update was presented in a PowerPoint by Matt Esquibel.

PowerPoint presentation: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=172718>

7. Gaming – A Community's Viewpoint Presentation (Deonte Thompson) (wp3)

Deonte Thompson, Director of Dream Faith, gave a presentation on gaming from a Communities View.

The Dreamfaith vision is to empower America's youth and adults by equipping them with the necessary tools to victoriously overcome life's challenges, passionately pursue their dreams and intelligently plan for success. They provide engineering and gaming workshops that provide a different aspect to the different types of engineering.

Find more great information at: <http://www.dreamfaith.org/>

PowerPoint presentation: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=172734>

8. Staff briefing on Legislative, Regulatory and Policy update. (Paul Lewis) (wp5)

Rondella Hawkins, City of Austin Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs (TARA) Officer gave the Legislative, Regulatory and Policy update which included updates on INet deactivation; PEG channels coordination for equipment purchases; Austin Independent School District PEG equipment purchases; H.R. 3523 Cyber intelligence sharing and protection Act (CISPA) of 2011; FCC launches Connect American Fund; H. r. 1746 CAP Act; FCC Reform Act Legislation; FCC Basic Tier Encryption NPRM; H.R. 1002 Wireless Tax Fairness Act of 2011; State sales tax collection on Internet Sales; FCC Notice of Inquire on Broadband Deployment.

Complete report found at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=172633>

9. 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 that FY 2011 GTOPs has two grant contracts coming to a close which will final out that year' grants.

Working toward finalizing the set up of FY 2012 contracts. Working with awardees for the online grant management tool.

10. Report from Open Government Working Group. (Rosenthal) (wp4)

Commissioner Rosenthal reported:

Staff presented a first draft of an Open Government Directive. The draft used the "Open Government Initiative" (<http://opengovernmentinitiative.org/>) as a starting base. One major change is the addition of "Accessible and Emerging Technologies and Tools" section.

The Working Group (WG) members will review the draft and provide feedback on: general direction, metrics for progress and participation, and policy issues. Once WG and management feedback are incorporated, we'd like to arrange a presentation to the Commission. Tentative target is August.

Staff presented a draft outline of an Open Government Handbook, and requested WG support to help develop the content. We envision this to be a living document, housed on the city website. We'd like to use a development platform that facilitates migration to the final publish platform, which may be something such as the Drupal "book" module. Staff will propose a development platform, and then we will move forward.

We discussed hosting a "user forum" to bring open government and open data enthusiasts together, in a face-to-face meeting, to exchange information and provide feedback. We will try to assess interest, to identify how such an event could be structured for best success.

The working group will meet next in July.

11. **Report from Community Technology Assessment Working Group. (Quintanilla) (wp3)**

Commissioner Quintanilla reported that this group is still in the planning stages on how to disseminate the findings of the Community Technology survey so they can get the information out to the state holders for a their funding proposals. The next meeting is scheduled for August

12. **Staff presentation on FY 2012-2013 Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs budget. (Rondella Hawkins) (wp6)**

Rondella Hawkins, City of Austin Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs (TARA) Officer gave an overview of FY 13 budget.

The details of the report was given through a PowerPoint presentation located at:
<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=172013>

You can also find the City of Austin budget timeline and ways to provide feedback about the budget at www.austintexas.gov/financeonline

13. **Discussion and possible action on FY 2012-2013 budget resolutions. (Williams) (wp6)**

Resolution to Council to include in the FY 2012-2013 city budget to add dedicated staff to direct open government and digital innovations efforts within the city was approved by a consensus of the Commission (Commissioner Touvell absent)

Copy of resolution: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=172656>

Resolution to Council to increase funding levels for Austin Free-Net up to \$13,453.59 per month for a total of \$161,443.08 for FY 2012-13 was approved by a consensus of the Commission. (Commissioner Touvell absent)

Copy of resolution: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=172657>

The motion that the Commission support funding the Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs) and Public Access Community Television (aka channelAustin) contract as proposed in the FY 2012-2013 was approved on Commissioner Rosenthal's motion; Commissioner Quintanilla's second on a vote of 5-0-0. (Commissioner Touvell absent)

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

Commissioner Quintanilla reported that Door 64 is doing a specialized job fair for specific programmers.

Commissioner Rosenthal thanked PACT (aka channelAustin) for hosting this Commission meeting at the public access studios and what a great job they did. The Commission was also given a tour of the studios. For more information on making TV go to:
www.channelaustin.org

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

This Commission will have July off. The next meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2012.
Proposed items for this meeting agenda are:

Update on City Open Data Policies and Practices.

Presentation on community impact and community direction with the Isis mobile launch.
(payment by phone)

Report from the GTOPs Review Working Group

Report from Open Government Working Group. (Rosenthal) (wp4)

Report from Community Technology Assessment Working Group. (Quintanilla) (wp3)

16. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm