



**Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission  
Regular Meeting**

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**August 13, 2014.**

**City Hall – Austin, Texas**

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Lemuel Williams, Jr., Chair	Elizabeth Quintanilla, Vice Chair
Wendell Ramsey	Melvin White
Chelsea McCullough	Tracy LaQuey Parker
Marcy Hoen	

**The following items are posted for discussion and possible action.**

1. Call to order – August 13, 2014 - 6:40 p.m.

Commission members in attendance:

Lemuel Williams, Jr.  
Elizabeth Quintanilla  
Wendell Ramsey  
Melvin White  
Chelsea McCullough  
Tracy LaQuey Parker  
Marcy Hoen

Staff in attendance:

Rondella Hawkins  
John Speirs  
Zach Greene  
Jane Reina

2. Adoption of agenda.

The agenda was adopted by consent of the Commission.

3. Citizen Communications: 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 communications.

4. Approval of minutes – June 11, 2014 Commission Regular Meeting.

**Minutes from the Commission regular meeting of June 11, 2014 were approved on Commissioner Quintanilla's motion; Commissioner White's second on a vote of 7-0.**

5. Presentation from a prior GTOPs recipient, Girlstart. (wp5)

Tamara Hudgins, Executive Director gave a great overview of how they help girls have fun learning science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Through its comprehensive programming, Girlstart provides a year-round, intensive suite of STEM education programs for K-12 girls. Girlstart's core programs foster STEM skills development, an understanding of the importance of STEM as a way to solve the world's major problems, as well as an interest in STEM electives, majors, and careers. Find great info on them at [www.Girlstart.org](http://www.Girlstart.org)

6. Presentation from the City's Chief Innovation Officer. (Kerry O'Connor) (wp3)

The item was postponed.

7. Presentation from Please BE KIND to Cyclists organization. (wp3)

Al Bastidas, Executive Director of Please Be Kind to Cyclists presentation included how distracted driving affects cyclists. You can find more about this organization at [www.bekindtocyclists.org/](http://www.bekindtocyclists.org/)

8. CIVIC Project update. (wp3)

Charles Purma with the City of Austin Communications Technology Management Department gave an overview of the CIVIC Project.

CIVIC is a resource for information on the City of Austin's Capital Improvements Program (CIP).

View City of Austin CIPs on the Map Viewer – an interactive tool for geographically locating projects and finding information including the point of contact for project updated, current projects status and more.

The Map Viewer shows current projects funded in whole or in part by bond programs from 2012, 2010, 2006 and earlier.

Find more info at: [www.austintexas.gov/civic](http://www.austintexas.gov/civic)

9. Distracted Driving Ordinance update. (Rondella Hawkins) (wp1)

Rondella Hawkins, Manager of the City of Austin Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs (TARA) reported the Distracted Driving Working Group considered distracted driving laws across the country, public feedback, recommendations from the Public Safety Commission and research when deciding on its set of recommendations. They will incorporate the recommendations into a draft ordinance for the Austin 28, 2014 Council meeting.

10. Discussion and possible action on a resolution recommending the City to create a fiber playbook for Austin. (Lemuel Williams) (wp3)

Commissioner Williams stated that the city has been looking at the landscape and changes of the broadband providers coming to Austin. The City is looking to create a playbook to help citizens and providers. We are still in the process of formulating the mission and creating the structure. It will be a changing process.

**Motion to recommend to Council to create a Broadband/Fiber Playbook for the City of Austin was made on Commissioner Quintanilla's vote; Commissioner McCullough's second on a vote of 7-0.**

11. Discussion and possible action on budget recommendation for ChannelAustin. (Lemuel Williams) (wp1)

**Motion that the Commission support continued funding for the Public Access Community Television (aka channelAustin) contract in the amount of \$450,000 as proposed in the FY 2014-2015 budget was approved on Commissioner Quintanilla's motion; Commissioner Parkers' second on a vote of 7-0.**

12. Staff briefing on Legislative, Regulatory and Policy update. (Paul Lewis) (wp3)

Paul Lewis, Assistant Manager of the City of Austin Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs update included Cable/Video Issue; City Regulations and Federal Activity. View full report at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=214688>

13. Digital Inclusion Strategic Plan update including update on the Austin Digital Assessment. (John Speirs) (wp4)

John Speirs, Program Coordinator with the City of Austin Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs' update included the Digital Inclusion Strategic Plan Steering Committee process and priority programs.

The Austin Digital Assessment updated included an update on Phase I and II. At this time 1,695 people have responded to the survey which is a 11.3% response rate. You can take the survey at [www.atxdigitalassessment.com](http://www.atxdigitalassessment.com)

View the updates on the Digital Inclusion Strategic Plan and the Austin Digital Assessment at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=214795>

14. Discussion and possible action on Community Connections Program Site Modification Recommendations. (John Speirs) (wp4)

John Speirs reported that last year Council approved the recommendation for 100 community sites to receive the 1GB connection that Google Fiber LLC offered the community. The formal mechanism to adjust sites on that list is to first vet that through this Commission.

Two sites have come up for amendment. One because of the sale of the building to be connected and the other requesting a different one of their locations.

**Recommendation to approved the Community Connections Program Site Modification as follows: Boys and Girls Club site connection will be transferred to the Asian American Resource Center and Skillpoint Alliance's location at 500 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street will be transferred to their 201 E. Second Street location, was approved on Commissioner Ramsey's motion; Commissioner Quintanilla's second. On a vote of 7-0.**

View the PowerPoint update at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=214795>

15. Staff update on the Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs), including GTOPs Grant Review Working Group update. (John Speirs) (wp5)

John Speirs reported that the GTOP's Review Working Group will come to the Commission in September with recommendations.

16. 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 stated that she attends monthly technology events, like Geekdom, in San Antonio. She suggested checking Meetup.com for events in Austin. She enjoyed getting to visit other technology facilities when her working groups hold their meetings at different facilities.

Commissioner White announced that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Capital City Black Film Festival will be August 21 – 23 at the Palmer Events Center.

Commissioner Williams reported that you can now get the Austin 311 app on your smart phone through iTunes and Android.

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

Proposed agenda items for the September 10, 2014 regular meeting.

- GTOPs Review working group update and possible recommendations (wp5)
- Discussion and possible budget recommendation.
- Digital Inclusion Strategic Plan update including update on the Austin Digital Assessment. (John Speirs) (wp4)

Proposed agenda items for October 8, 2014 regular meeting.

- Presentation from the City's Chief Innovation Officer. (Kerry O'Connor) (wp3)
- CTM presentation on open 311 app.

- Presentation from John King, Executive Director for Austin Chamber of Commerce Clean Energy regarding technology and clean energy.

18. Adjournment

9:10 pm