



## Regular Meeting

### Minutes

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

**Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission** convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, TX, City Hall, Room 1101.

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for backup material associated with this agenda.

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The following items are posted for discussion and possible action.

#### 1. Call to order – January 13, 2010 - 6:35 p.m.

Commission members in attendance:

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

City staff in attendance:

Rondella Hawkins  
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.

Sue Ann Campbell- wants the Commission to please review grievances like they promised. How is the Lloyd Doggett bill going to affect public access?

#### 4. Approval of minutes - December 9, 2009 Commission regular meeting.

**The minutes from the regular meeting of December 9, 2009 were approved on Commissioner Taulman's motion; Commissioner White's second, passed on consent of the Commission.**

## **5. Invited Presentations**

- a. Public Access Community Television (channelAustin) update. (Linda Litowsky) (wp1)

### **Citizen Communications**

Nick Papatonis showed news clip of a public access programming complaint.

Linda Litowsky, Executive Director of Public Access Community Television (PACT) (channelAustin) responded to Mr. Papatonis' programming concerns and then showed a video that showcased their programming highlights for the year.

## **6. Staff Briefings**

- a. Legislative, Regulatory and Policy update. (Rondella Hawkins) (wp5)

Rondella Hawkins, Manager, City of Austin Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs, report included the National Broadband Plan, Community Access Preservation Act, and Broadband Stimulus Funding. <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/telcommission/downloads/20100113bk-leg-and-reg-update.pdf>

- b. Public Access Television update. (Rondella Hawkins) (wp1)

Ms. Hawkins gave brief report on public access.  
<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/telcommission/downloads/20100113bk-careport-a.pdf>

- c. Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs) update. (Sheena Harden) (wp2)

Rondella Hawkins reported that the 2010 GTOPs oral presentations are scheduled for February 5, 2010. All 2009 GTOPs contracts are on track.

- d. Austin Connects: Community Technology Symposium update. (Sheena Harden) (wp4)

Rondella Hawkins reported that January 12<sup>th</sup> was the first annual Austin Connects: Community Technology Symposium. A partnership between City of Austin, Austin Free-Net and Skillpoint Alliance for the purpose of connecting local government, non-profits, educational institutions, corporations and citizens who have an interest in Community Technology. Their mission is to leverage mutual resources that will allow Austin citizens to participate in the ever-changing digital age. More info can be found at [www.austinconnects.net](http://www.austinconnects.net)

## **7. Old Business**

- a. Community Media Future Funding Task Force update. (Rosenthal) (wp1)

The object of this task force is to figure out the strategy of policy and funding for public access television and community media for when the current cable franchise ends in 2011.

This task force met December 10. The focus of that meeting was trying to build a timeline between now and 2011 and a request for proposal (RFP). The task force is not expected to meet again before the next Commission meeting.

- b. Discussion and possible action on Commission recommendation to include broadband access and technology literacy in the City of Austin Comprehensive Plan. (Rosenthal) (wp4)

Commissioner Rosenthal stated this Commission passed a resolution last month calling for broadband and technology to be made part of the City's comprehensive plan. He met with Greg Claxton with Neighborhood Planning and Zoning to present the Commission's resolution/recommendations for him to share with the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission is gathering information through public meetings, online surveys and meeting in a box. You can participate at [www.ci.austin.tx.us/compplan](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/compplan)

## **8. New Business**

- a. Meeting schedule for 2010.

**Motion to adopt the Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission 2010 schedule to have regular meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month with the exception of no July meeting and to hold the Annual Workplan Retreat on October 13 was approved on Commissioner Touvell's motion, Commissioner Williams' second on a vote of 7-0-0.**

- b. Discussion and possible action on Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission's Bylaws.

There was no discussion or action on the Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission's Bylaws.

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

Commissioner Ramsey attended a Music Commission meeting. The Music Commission requested him to make a presentation at a future meeting on topics the Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission may collaborate with them on.

Commissioner White attended the Council Committee for Emerging Technology's December monthly meeting which was held at the Public Access Community Television (channelAustin) studios. Included in the meeting was a tour of the studio's digital media center and an update from CTM on the City's website.

Commissioner Rosenthal reported that at last months meeting the ACT&TC passed a resolution on the texting ordinance. Council did pass changes to the texting ordinance however the recommendations from this Commission were not incorporated.

## **9. Discussion of agenda items for ACT&TC future meetings.**

Proposed agenda items for the February 10, 2010 regular meeting:

- Presentation on public access funding from a PACT Board Member.

#### **10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.