



Regular Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2010, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas, City Hall – Room 1101.

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The following items are posted for discussion and possible action.

1. Call to order – February 10, 2010 - 6:34 p.m.

Commission members in attendance:

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

Commission members absent:

Kedron Touvell, Vice Chair

Commission members with excused absence:

Bianca Taulman

City staff in attendance:

Sheena Harden
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.

SueAnn Campbell stated Commissioner Rosenthal supposedly had a confrontation with Nick Papatonis that she felt was uncalled for. She also stated producers are asking for services they are rightfully due but have been cast aside and the City has done nothing regarding this.

Nick Papatonis report the PACT website has been down for days. Stated Commissioner Rosenthal ignores producers.

Mary Anderson stated she has been reporting about the bad management of PACT to the Commission several times and feels the Commission is doing nothing.

4. Approval of minutes – January 13, 2010 Commission regular meeting.

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

5. Invited Presentations

- a. 4G Wireless Broadband Technology. (Nick Jenkins) (wp4)

Nick Jenkins, Manager – Solutions Engineering for Sprint Nextel, gave a PowerPoint presentation on 4G Wireless Broadband Technology which included the difference between Wifi and WiMax.

6. Staff Briefings

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

Commissioner Rosenthal read into record a report prepared by Rondella Hawkins, Manager, City of Austin Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs that included National Broadband Plan; Community Access Preservation Act of 2009 and Public Utility Commission of Texas Rulemaking Project 37732. Can be view at <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/telcommission/downloads/20100210bk-leg-and-reg-update.pdf>

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

No staff update was presented.

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

Sheena Harden, Program Coordinator with the City of Austin, report included status of the 2009 and 2010 grant period. The 2010 GTOPs oral presentations were conducted on February 5th with 20 applicants presenting. Scores on the applications are due February 11th by the 6 GTOPs reviewers. The reviewer's final deliberations will be February 17th. This Commission will need to take action on the reviewer's grant recommendations at their March 10th meeting.

The 10th anniversary gala for GTOPs will be held April 21, 2010. Tickets for the gala can be obtained for \$20.00 at www.gtops.org/gala.

7. Old Business

- a. None

8. 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 Rosenthal reported that at the last meeting of the Council Committee for Emerging Technology and Telecommunications he gave an update on the Austin Connect Initiative with a PowerPoint presentation. You can view this presentation at <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/telcommission/downloads/20100210bk-austin-connects-ett-presentation.pdf>. You can find other info at www.austinconnects.net.

He also reported Google announced a new initiative. They are identifying communities around the nation in which to build extremely high speed broadband networks. They are soliciting responses from government entities, community groups, and individuals. March 26, 2010 is the deadline for responses. www.googleblog.blogspot.com.

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

- o Discussion and possible action on 2010 GTOPs grant recommendations. (wp2)
- o Discussion and possible action on Google Network Project.
- o Community Media Future Funding Task Force update. (Rosenthal) (wp1)
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- o Austin Free-Net update.
- o City of Austin Wireless Mesh update.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.