



Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission Regular Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday – April 14, 2010

The Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission convened in a regular meeting Wednesday, April 14, 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 – April 14, 2010 - 6:37 pm

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.

There were no citizens signed up for general citizen communication.

4. Approval of minutes – March 10, 2010 Commission regular meeting.

The minutes from the regular meeting of March 10, 2010 were approved on Commissioner Kolb's motion; Commissioner Touvell's second, motion passed on consent of the Commission.

5. Invited Presentations

- a. South by Southwest's 25 year history. (Tim Hamblin) (wp4)

Tim Hamblin, Video Archivist with the Austin History Center, reported the History Center is working on a South by Southwest (SXSW) 25 year history exhibit to be displayed February through July 2011. The exhibit will include videos of the panels, events, interviews with SXSW staff, documents, photos and early directories. They are also looking for personal accounts. For more info call Tim Hamblin at 974-7305. <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/library/ahc/>

- b. City of Austin's Wireless Mesh update. (Stephen Elkins) (wp4)

Stephen Elkins, Chief Information Office with the City of Austin's Communications & Technology Management (CTM) reported on some of the internal processes at CTM. He also requested that CTM give an update to this Commission on a quarterly base.

Paul Hopingardner, Deputy Chief Information Officer with CTM gave an update on the City's complimentary wireless mesh network. For information visit <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/help/mesh/default.htm>.

Charles Purma, Systems Support Technician with CTM and AustinGo's Project Manager also gave a brief update on AustinGo, the City web site for Austin Open Government Online. www.austingo.org
<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/telcommission/downloads/20100414bk-austingo-ctm-presentation.pdf>

- c. Austin Free-Net update. (Dale Thompson) (wp4)

Dale Thompson, Financial Manager and Act Executive Director of Austin Free-Net (www.austinfreenet.net) gave her update with a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Thomson also provided a copy of the Austin Free-Net Computer Clinics Evaluation Report dated March 2010.
<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/telcommission/downloads/20100414bk-afnreport.pdf>.
<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/telcommission/downloads/20100414bk-afn-clinics-evaluation.pdf>

The Commission will work toward making a budget recommendation to City Council for Austin Free-Net.

6. Staff Briefings

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

Rondella Hawkins, Manager, City of Austin Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs (TARA), update included a report on the National Broadband Plan.

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/telcommission/downloads/20100414bk-natl-broadband-plan-presentation.pdf>.

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

Citizen Communication

Gloria Morales stated she has filed a lawsuit against Public Access TV. She stated she has been repeatedly test after already being certified as a producer. She was told she was suspended from being a public access producer's without an explanation.

Ms. Hawkins presented the public access television manager's Violations/Grievances report.

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/telcommission/downloads/20100414bk-careport.pdf>

- c. Google's "Fiber for Communities" Project. (Rondella Hawkins) (wp4)

Ms. Hawkins' reported on Google's "Fiber for Communities" Project which included a visit to the City's website on this project. <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/bigbig/>

Commissioner Rosenthal report included a PowerPoint presentation.

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/telcommission/downloads/20100414bk-bigbig-community-report-handouts.pdf>

Ms. Hawkins reported that at the April 29th City Council meeting Council Member Morrison will recognize the Google response team. The team includes this Commission, Gary Chapman and student from the LBJ School (who created the www.BibGigAustin.org website), other community volunteers, and many other City employees from several departments.

- d. Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs) update. (Rondella Hawkins) (wp2)

2010 GTOPs awards were approve by the City Manager. Contracts are in progress. Press conference is scheduled for April 27, 2010. GTOPs reviewers will be recognized for their efforts at the City Council meeting on April 29, 2010. GTOPs 10th anniversary Gala is April 21, 2010 with emcee Brewster McCracken. For more info on GTOPs please visit www.gtops.org.

7. Old Business

- a. Discussion and possible action on timeline and recommendation from the Community Media Future Funding Task Force. (Rosenthal) (wp1)

Accept the findings and recommendations related to a request for proposal (RFP) for public access television management services coordinated by the Community Media Future Funding Task Force was approved on Commissioner White's motion; Commissioner Kolb's second, motion passed on a vote of 7-0-0.

PowerPoint presented for the above recommendation:

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/telcommission/downloads/20100414bk-community-media-task-force-handouts.pdf>

The schedule for public input into the recommendations related to a request for proposal (RFP) for public access television management services are as follows: June 9th conduct a public forum at the regular meeting; July 14th have a special meeting with invited presenters; the week of August 16th through 27th schedule a commission work session to discuss recommendations to the RFP; September 8th adoption of recommendations at the regular commission meeting. This schedule was approved on Commissioner Kolb's motion; Commissioner Touvell's second on a vote of 7-0-0.

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.

There was no report.

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

Proposed agenda items for the May 12, 2010 regular meeting:

- Staff will present propose budget for 2011.
- Commission discussion on propose budget for 2011.

Proposed agenda items for the June 9, 2010 regular meeting:

- Discussion and possible action on Commission budget recommendations for 2011.
- Public forum related to an RFP for the public access television management services contract.

July 14th – A special meeting with invited presenters related to an RFP for the public access television management services contract.

August – We will schedule a work session in addition to the regular meeting on August 11th to discuss commission recommendations to RFP.

September 8th - Adoption of recommendations relating to an RFP for the public access television management services contract at regular commission meeting.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm