



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

Minutes

Wednesday – May 12, 2010

The Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission convened in a regular meeting Wednesday, May 12, 2010, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas, 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 – May 12, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.

Commission members in attendance:

Chip Rosenthal, Chair
Kedron Touvell, Vice Chair
Wendell Ramsey
Lemuel Williams, Jr.
Randall Kolb

Commission members absent:

Melvin White
Bianca Taulman

City Staff in attendance:

Jane Reina
Melanie Kroll

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 – April 14, 2010 Commission regular meeting.

The minutes from the regular meeting of April 14, 2010 were approved on Commissioner Williams' motion; Commissioner Ramsey's second, motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote. (Commissioners White and Taulman absent)

5. Invited Presentations

- a. Proposal for a Social Media Policy for City Boards & Commissions. (Doug Matthews) (wp6)

Mr. Matthews gave an overview of the proposed Social Media Policy with a PowerPoint presentation that included guiding considerations of the Open Meetings Act; vendor participation; records retention; maintenance; content ownership and First Amendment. He also included a draft copy of the City of Austin Policy on Business Usage of Social Media.

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/telcommission/downloads/20100512bk-soc-media-bandc-presentation.pdf>

- b. Presentation on cloud computing technology. (wp4, 7)

Michelle Greer with RACKSPACE gave an overview of Cloud computing which is Internet-based computing, whereby shared resources, software and information are provided to computers and other devices on-demand, like the electricity grid.

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/telcommission/downloads/20100512bk-cloud-computing-presentation.pdf>

6. Staff Briefings

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

There was no report given.

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

Commissioner Rosenthal read into record a report from staff. GTOPs 10th anniversary banquet was held April 21, 2010 at the Omni Downtown Hotel which included the first City of Austin Digital Inclusion Awards. A list of award winners is available at www.gtops.org. Council members Morrison and Riley attended with former Council member McCracken emceeding.

The 2010 GTOPs reviewers were recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation at the April 29th City Council meeting.

7. Old Business

- a. Development of Commission recommendation on the Request for Proposal (RFP) for public access TV management services. Discussion and possible action on date for Commission August work session. (Rosenthal) (wp1)

Citizen Communication

Ruth Epstein would like the contract for management of the City's public access to include the same requirements that a city department or any government agency must follow, as to comply with the US Constitution. Since channelAustin is a private corporation they do not have to serve everybody.

Sueanne Campbell requested the following changes be made to the public access television management contract: Amend contract so that service to the public is the number one priority; delete the clause requiring station managers to raise money.

Commissioner Rosenthal reported that the findings and recommendations adopted at last months meeting on the RFP for public access TV management services were sent to the City Council in the form of a memo. <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/telcommission/downloads/20100512bk-access-tv-findings-memo.pdf>

The adopted timeline for adopting recommendations to the public access TV management services contract is as follows:

June 9 – Regular meeting, public forum

July 14 – Special meeting, roundtable discussion

August 11 – Regular meeting, regular business

August 17 – Worksession, discuss recommendations

September 8 – Regular meeting, adopt recommendations

8. New Business

- a. FY 2010-11 Proposed Budget for the Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs (TARA). (Melanie Kroll, TARA) (wp6)

Melanie Kroll, Financial consultant, with the City of Austin, gave an overview of the TARA budget with a PowerPoint presentation.

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/telcommission/downloads/20100512bk-tara-budget-presentation.pdf>

- b. Discussion and possible action on recommendations to Council on the 2011 budget. (Rosenthal) (wp6)

After discussion the Commission passed the 2011 GTOPs budget resolution.

Resolution adopting the 2011 Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs) recommending budget funding at an increased level of \$175,000 was approved on Commissioner Williams' motion, Commissioner Ramsey's second on a 5-0-0 vote. (Commissioners Taulman and White absent)

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/telcommission/downloads/resol-201005-budget-gtops-funding.pdf>

Motion for the Commission Chairs to form a resolution from the Commission's supporting the funding for the Technology Ascertainment Study in the amount of \$50,000 for FY 2011 budget was approved on Commissioner Touvell's motion, Commissioner Ramsey's second on a 5-0-0 vote. (Commissioners Taulman and White absent)

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

Commission Rosenthal stated Council recognized the Google Project Team at a City Council meeting. For more info on the City response to Google please visit www.cityofaustin.org/bigbig

Citizen communication

Scott Johnson reminded the Commission that the ordinance on banning texting while drive will be reviewed again in June. His interest is the banning of hand held cell phones while driving also. Some studies show there is not much difference in holding a cell phone to you ear and using a hands free device.

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

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

- Public Forum on the Request for Proposal (RFP) for public access TV management services.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.