



## Regular Meeting

### Minutes

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

The Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas, City Hall, Room 1101

Please go to [www.ci.austin.tx.us/telcommission/meetings.htm](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/telcommission/meetings.htm)  
for backup material associated with this agenda.

This meeting is available on demand online. Schedules and video at: <http://www.cityofaustin.org/channel6>

The following items are posted for discussion and possible action.

#### 1. Call to order – December 9, 2009 - 6:33 p.m.

Commission members in attendance:

Chip Rosenthal  
Kedron Touvell  
Wendell Ramsey  
Lemuel Williams  
Randall Kolb  
Melvin White  
Bianca Taulman

City staff in attendance:

Rondella Hawkins  
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.

Nick Papatonis has concerns regarding the management of the public access studios.

SueAnn Campbell has concerns regarding the management of the public access studios.

Mary Anderson has concerns regarding the management of the public access studios.

#### 4. Approval of minutes

- a. October 14, 2009 Commission regular meeting.

**The minutes from the regular meeting of October 14, 2009 were approved on Commissioner Ramsey's motion; Commissioner Williams' second, by consent of the Commission. (Commissioner White arrived after this item.)**

- b. November 18, 2009 Commission Annual Workplan Retreat.

**The minutes from the Annual Workplan Retreat of November 18, 2009 were approved on Commissioner Kolb's motion; Commissioner Touvell's second, by consent of the Commission. (Commissioner White arrived after this item.)**

#### 5. Invited Presentations

- a. City of Austin's AustinGO website project. (Doug Matthews) (wp5)

Doug Matthews, City of Austin Chief Information Officer, gave a presentation on the City of Austin's AustinGO website project. [Presentation on AustinGO - City of Austin Website](#)

- b. City of Austin's Government Access Channel (Channel 6) and video on demand services. (Keith Reeves) (wp5)

Keith Reeves gave a presentation and showed a video on Channel 6's video on demand (VOD) services for government programming. [Channel 6 Update Presentation](#)

- c. Electronic Messaging While Driving Ordinance. (wp7)

##### Citizen Communication

Matt Simpson has concerns of how the Electronic Messaging While Driving Ordinance will be enforced.

Austin Police Department Assistant Chief Eells and Commander Baker gave a presented on the Electronic Messaging While Driving Ordinance. There was discussion with the Commission. [Presentation on Texting While Driving Ordinance](#)

Commissioner Rosenthal expressed concerns about the language being vague and overly broad. Commissioner Rosenthal presented alternate language that was developed jointly by himself and Rick MacKinnon, Chair of the Urban Transportation Commission (UTC). Commissioner Rosenthal reported that UTC passed a resolution recommending that City Council review the alternate language for consideration as a substitute for the current ordinance.

**The Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission's recommended amendments for the Electronic Messaging While Driving Ordinance were approved on Commissioner Ramsey's motion; Commissioner Touvell's second on a 6-1-0 vote. (Commissioners Rosenthal, Touvell, Ramsey, Williams, Kolb and Taulman voted aye. Commissioner White voted nay)**

#### 6. Staff Briefings

- a. Legislative, Regulatory and Policy update. (wp7)

Rondella Hawkins, Manager, City of Austin Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs, report included a [Presentation on CAP Act](#) and a [Presentation on FCC Wireless Siting Ruling](#).

- b. Public Access Television update. (wp1)

Rondella Hawkins reported briefly on public access TV.

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

Sheena Harden, Program Coordinator with the City of Austin, reported that the applications for the 2010 GTOPs was due December 4<sup>th</sup>. There were 29 applicants.

She also presented the 2008 GTOPs annual report which will be posted to <http://www.gtops.org/>

The GTOPs 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala is still in the planning stage and scheduled for April 21, 2010.

- d. Austin Connects: Community Technology Symposium update.(Sheena Harden) (wp3)

Sheena Harden reported that on January 12, 2010 Austin Connects is hosting a Community Technology Symposium to educate, share information and build a cooperative plan on how best to serve Austin. For more information go to <http://www.austinconnects.net/>.

- a. Discussion and possible action on FY 2009 Workplan accomplishments.

**The FY 2009 Workplan accomplishments of the Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission was approved on Commissioner Touvell's motion, Commission Kolb's second on a 7-0-0 vote.**

- b. Discussion and possible action on FY 2010 Workplan.

**The FY 2010 Workplan of the Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission was approved on Commissioner Ramsey's motion, Commission Taulman's second on a 7-0-0 vote.**

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

The next meeting of the Community Media Future Funding Task Force will held at channelAustin December 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

## 8. New Business

- a. Discussion and possible action on a resolution recommending inclusion of chapter addressing Broadband Access/Technology Literacy in the City of Austin's Comprehensive Plan currently under development. (Rondella Hawkins) (wp5)

**A resolution to add a chapter to the City of Austin's Comprehensive Plan to include Broadband Access/Technology Literacy was adopted on Commissioner Touvell's motion; Commissioner Williams' second on a 7-0-0 vote.**

- b. 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 this Commissioner's resolution directing the Chair to send a letter to Council in support of the CAP Act was presented to Council at the November Emerging Tech meeting.

This Commission's website has been made more user friendly. Also the past actions of this Commission are now posted on it.

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

Proposed agenda items for the January 13, 2010 regular meeting:

- Approve meeting schedule for the year.
- channelAustin (PACT) update.
- WiMax presentation.
- Bylaw proposed changes.

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.