

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE FOR  
EMERGING TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
JANUARY 26, 2010  
MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Call meeting to order.**

The meeting was called to order at 3:10pm by Council Member Morrison. Council Member Morrison, Council Member Riley, and Council Member Shade were present.

**2. General Citizen Communications (3 minutes to speak)**

There were no speakers.

**3. Approval of minutes from the December 16, 2009 regular committee meeting.**

**A motion to adopt the minutes as to form from the December 16, 2009 Council Committee for Emerging Technology & Telecommunications regular meeting was made by Council Member Chris Riley; seconded by Council Member Randi Shade. Vote 3-0.**

- 4. Presentation:** Summary of Austin Connects: Community Technology Symposium (Sheena Harden, City of Austin Telecom & Regulatory Affairs, Program Coordinator; Stacy Bouwman, Skillpoint Alliance, director of Adult Workforce Program; Chip Rosenthal, City of Austin Community Technology & Telecommunications Commission Chair; Dale Thompson, Austin Free-Net, Acting Executive Director)

January 12, 2010 was the first annual Austin Connects: Community Technology Symposium. Austin Connects is a partnership between the 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. Sheena Harden, Stacy Bouwman, Chip Rosenthal and Dale Thompson all spoke about the symposium saying it was a great success and has lead to a number of new relationships among the attendees.

- 5. Presentation:** Challenges and Opportunities for Emerging Technology in Texas (Mark Strama, Texas State Representative & Chair of the Technology Economic Development & Workforce Committee)

Rep. Strama spoke to the Committee concerning the Regional Center for Innovation and Commercialization and how the City of Austin and State of Texas can work together to further regional technology.

- 6. Presentation:** Hello Austin, Hello World: First Night Austin—Staging an International and Historical Event on New Year's Eve (Albert Cantara, First Night Austin, President)  
Presentation on a plan for a live international, cultural and artistic exchange/collaboration through the internet between Austin and various cities and countries throughout the world on New Year's Eve

**This item was postponed to the February 17, 2010 meeting agenda.**

**7. Discuss and approve next meeting date (Tentative: February 17, 2010)**

The date was approved.

**8. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm.

