Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission
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Wednesday – April 13, 2011

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Current Commission Members:

Kedron Touvell, Chair	Chip Rosenthal, Vice Chair
Wendell Ramsey	Lemuel Williams, Jr.
Randall Kolb	Melvin White
Elizabeth Quintanilla	

The following items are posted for discussion and possible action.

1. **Call to order – April 13, 2011 - 6:42 p.m.**

   Commission members in attendance:
   Kedron Touvell, Chair
   Wendell Ramsey
   Lemuel Williams, Jr.
   Randall Kolb
   Melvin White

   Commissioner Elizabeth Quintanilla, absent.

   Commissioner Rosenthal excused absence.

   City Staff in attendance
   Rondella Hawkins
   Paul Lewis
   John Speirs
   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.

No citizens signed up for general citizen communication.

4. **Approval of minutes – March 9, 2011 Commission Regular Meeting**

   The minutes from the Commission regular meeting of March 9, 2011 was approved on Commission Ramsey's motion; Commissioner Williams' second on a vote of 4-0-0. (Commissioner White arrived after item 4; Commissioner Quintanilla absent; Commissioner Rosenthal excused absence).

5. **Invited Presentations**

   a. Presentation from Austin Energy on its technology initiatives. (Alan Claypool, the CIO of Austin Energy) (wp6)

      Alan Claypool, Austin Energy CIO, gave a presentation that included information on the Smart Grid, customer communication tools and energy conservation.

   b. Presentation on City of Austin Residential Technology Survey. (Rondella Hawkins and representatives from University of Texas- Radio, TV & Film Department) (wp3)

      Dr. Joe Straubhaar and Dr. Chen with the University of Texas- Radio, TV & Film Department gave a PowerPoint presentation of the preliminary findings of the City of Austin's Residential Technology Survey. **http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=150990**

6. **Staff Briefings**

   a. Legislative, Regulatory and Policy update. (Paul Lewis) (wp4)

      Paul Lewis, Assistant Manager of the City of Austin Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs, Legislative, Regulatory and Policy update included Stated Senate Bill 1087; House Bill 256; House Bill 2620; Senate Bill 980; House Bill 3638 and House Bill 1688. Federal activity included FCC order on Pole Attachment Rules and the Community Access Preservation Act (CAP Act). See link for more information http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=150907

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

      John Speirs, Program Coordinator with the City of Austin Office Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs reported; a GTOPs press conference was held March 30th where the nine 2011 grant recipient organizations received certificates. Contract executions have started. For more information please go to www.gtops.org.

7. **Old Business**

   a. Discussion and possible action on Request for Proposal (RFP) on public access television management services contract. (Rondella Hawkins) (wp1)

      This item was postponed until this Commission's May 11, 2011 meeting.

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 Touvell reminded the community; if you are interested in providing comments regarding the Urban Rail, you can submit them at www.austinurbanrail.com by April 29.

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

    Proposed items for the May 11, 2011 regular meeting agenda.

    o   Discussion and possible action on Request for Proposal (RFP) on public access television management services contract. (Rondella Hawkins) (wp1)
    o   Presentation from the City of Austin Planning Commission and discussion and possible action on recommendations to amendment to City of Austin Telecommunications Tower Siting Ordinance.(wp6)
    o   City Budget presentation (wp3)

10. **Adjournment**

    The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm