



**Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission  
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**MINUTES**

Wednesday – June 8, 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.

Commission members in attendance:

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

City Staff in attendance

Rondella Hawkins  
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 – May 11, 2011 Commission Regular Meeting

The minutes from the Commission regular meeting of May 11, 2011 was approved on Commissioner Rosenthal' motion; Commissioner Williams' second on a vote of 6-0-0. (Commission Quintanilla arrived after item 5.a.)

#### 5. Invited Presentations

- a. Presentation on the plans to create a Community Advisory Group for the City of Austin Website. (Christopher Florance, Communications and Public Information Office) (wp3)

Douglas Matthews, Chief Communications Officer with the City of Austin gave a brief update on the site redesign. He stated they now have their contractors on board and have started work on rebuilding the sight.

The Web Community Advisor Group will be a partnership between the community that is interested in the sight development. The group is designed to be a sounding board or focus group including testing of the sight. There will be eight sitting members representative of specific organizations and two at large members. Organizations that will always have a seat are the Chamber of Commerce, Austin Free-Net, Community Action Network (ANC), Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission, MAIN.org, Open Austin, and the LBJ School.

The first meeting is scheduled for the end of July.

- b. Presentation from 2010 GTOPs recipient Latinitas. (Laura Donnelly Gonzalez) (wp2)

Laura Donnelly Gonzalez, one of the founders of Latinitas gave a presentation on how GTOPs funds have helped her organization therefore helping the Austin community.

Alma Bonitas gave a testimonial on how Latinitas has helped and encouraged her to continue with her education. She will give back to Latinitas by being a mentor herself.

#### 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 SB 1087; HB 259; SB 980 and companion bill HB 2295; HB 2295; HB 1688; CAP Act; and SB 911.

- b. Staff presentation on FY 2012 City of Austin budget. (Rondella Hawkins) (wp5)

Rondella Hawkins, Manager of the City of Austin Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs (TARA) gave an overview of the TARA office's FY 2012 proposed budget.

- c. Update on public access management contract. (Rondella Hawkins) wp1)

Ms. Hawkins report that on the June 9<sup>th</sup> City Council agenda there is an item to recommend approval of the public access TV management services contract to Public Access Community Television (aka channelAustin). It is for a two year initial term funded at \$450,000 annually with two one year

extension options. It has been recommended by the Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission and the Council Committee for Emerging Technologies.

## 7. Old Business

- a. Update on City of Austin Residential Technology Survey. (Rondella Hawkins) (wp3).

Jeremiah Spence and Dr. Wenhong Chen with UT Radio, Television and Film gave an overview of the next preliminary version of the Residential Technology Survey.

## 8. New Business

- a. Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs) update and appointment of members to the GTOPs Review Task Force. (John Speirs) (wp2)

John Speirs, Program Coordinator with the City of Austin Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs reported that we are in the execution of contract stage for the 9 recipient organizations for 2011 GTOPs.

**Motion to form a GTOPs Review Task Force consisting of Commissioners Williams, White and Quintanilla with Commission Williams serving as chair was approved by Commissioner Rosenthal's motion; Commissioner Ramsey's second on a vote 7-0-0.**

This task force will make their recommendations at this Commission's August regular meeting.

- 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 Quintanilla state the monthly Tech Change meeting brought in over 80 techs and business leaders at the AT&T Conference Center.

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

Earlier in the year the Commission voted to not hold a July 2011 regular meeting, therefore the proposed items for the August 10, 2011 regular meeting agenda are as follows:

- o Commission budget recommendations for FY 2012
- o GTOPs Review Task Force report and possible recommendations
- o Channel Austin Update
- o Austin Free Net Update
- o Residential Technology Survey Update

## 10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm