



Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission Regular Meeting

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Wednesday – January 11, 2012

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Current Commission Members:

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

The following items are posted for discussion and possible action.

1. Call to order – January 11, 2012 - 6:40 p.m.

Commission members in attendance:

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

City Staff in attendance

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 – December 14, 2011 Commission Regular Meeting.

The minutes from the Commission regular meeting of December 14, 2011 was approved on Commissioner Rosenthal's motion; Commissioner Touvell's second on a vote of 4-0-0. (Commission Quintanilla & White arrived after this item.)

5. Channel 6 update presentation. (Keith Reeves). (wp1)

Keith Reeves, Manager of Governmental PEG Channel 6's updated included a video of their programming from the past year. It is Channel 6's goal to provide quality video productions of all city departments to help them educate the public through websites, and social media. Channel 6 has numerous awards including an Emmie Award.

Channel 6 will be changing their name to ATXN (Austin Texas Network) along with a new logo. The new address will be www.ATXN.tv.

A new bulletin board will be launching and some new programming. Also they will have out reach to let citizens know about their second online only channel and Channel 6's new name.

They will be utilizing some PEG funds for equipment upgrading.

Keith referred to a Communications Survey that was done by the City Communications & Public Information Office (PIO). Commissioner Rosenthal requested the finding of this survey to see how it coincides with the Technology Survey this Commission and TARA did. Keith will provide the study to John Speirs in the TARA office.

6. AustinGo update presentation. (Matthew Esquibel) (wp4)

Matthew Esquibel and Charles Purma with the City's Communications & Technology Management & Support gave a PowerPoint update that included project release timelines, and 2012 innovation plan. Vist <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=162519> for the PowerPoint.

This CTM group will be introducing the fellows from the Code for America program this Commission at the February meeting. They will give a brief overview of the program and then an open discussion with the Commissioners on what they see as the most important opportunities for Austin.

7. Open Government Working Group update. (Rosenthal) (wp4)

Commissioner Rosenthal said the group is scheduled to meet with staff from CTM before the February Commission meeting, and plans to report back to the Commission then.

8. Staff briefing on 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 INet deactivations from Time Warner; PEG channels coordination for equipment purchases; Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA); FCC DAS will have forum February 1st on distributed antenna systems & small cell solutions; FCC Reform Act Legislation; FCC Basic Tier Encryption; Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act that included HR 2485, SB 911; and the Wireless Tax Fairness Act of 2011. For the full report visit <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=162736>

9. Staff update on Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs) (John Speirs) (wp2)

John Speirs, Program Coordinator with the City of Austin Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs reported that the Grant Review Committee submitted question to the 37 grant applicants today. The first round of scores from this committee is due February 1st. The applicant's oral presentations to the Grant Review Committee are scheduled for February 17th. During the oral presentations there will be live scoring updates from the Committee.

He also report that over 200 people are invited to Austin Connects meet-up scheduled for 4:00 pm on January 25th at Skillpoint Alliance located at 201 E. 2nd Street. This will be the kick-off for the CTM Map data. For more information visit austinconnects@austintexas.gov

10. Discussion and possible action on 2011 Commission workplan accomplishments. (Williams).

After discussion and review of the 2011 Commission workplan accomplishments, some updates were suggested. Several Commissioners expressed interest in using consistent terminology to describe the residential technology/ascertainment survey/study. The Chair requested Commissioner Quintanilla come back next month with a proposal for discussion. The Commission will review once more before possible action at their February meeting.

11. Discussion and possible action on revising 2012 workplan to add annotations to City Code. (Williams)

Commissioner Rosenthal will come back at a later date with 2012 and 2011 workplan annotations to the City Code.

12. Technology Survey Working Group update. (Quintanilla) (wp3)

Commissioner Quintanilla reported this working group held a meeting January 6th. The next meeting will include Dr. Straubhaar with more data results. This group is also looking at dates for focus groups to bring stake holder together and then go out to communities where the survey has identified having limited or no access to technology.

13. 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 reported that next week is TechChange and Social Media Club. Last week the Word Press meet-up group introduced Word Press 3, the latest version.

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

Proposed items for the February 8, 2012 regular meeting

- o Introduction of Fellows fro Code of American
- o Technology Survey Working Group update. (Quintanilla) (wp3)
- o Staff update on Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs) (John Speirs) (wp2)
- o Discussion and possible action on revising 2012 workplan to add annotations to City Code. (Williams)
- o Discussion and possible action on 2011 Commission workplan accomplishments. (Williams).
- o Staff briefing on Legislative, Regulatory and Policy update. (Paul Lewis) (wp4)
- o Open Government Working Group update. (Rosenthal) (wp4)

At the March regular will be the GTOPs grant recommendations and a channelAustin update

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm