



Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission
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Minutes
March 14, 2012

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Current Commission Members:

Lemuel Williams, Jr., Chair	Chip Rosenthal, Vice Chair
Wendell Ramsey	Kedron Touvell
Melvin White	Elizabeth Quintanilla
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The following items are posted for discussion and possible action.

1. Call to order – March 14, 2012 - 6:34 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 – February 8, 2012 Commission Regular Meeting.

The minutes from the Commission regular meeting of February 8, 2012 was approved on Commissioner White's motion; Commissioner Quintanilla's second on a vote of 6-0-0.

5. Report from the "Code for America Code-a-Thon" event. (Chip Rosenthal) (wp4)

One of the Code for America Fellows, Aurelio Tinio, summarized the Fellows month in residence talking to City Austin staff and the community about programs, processes and potential web-based solutions and the Code Hack-a-Thon. There was also a report from some of the Hack-a-Thon participants.

6. Staff briefing on Legislative, Regulatory and Policy update. (Paul Lewis) (wp5)

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 Reform Act Legislation; FCC Basic Tier Encryption NPRM; H.R. 1002 Wireless Tax Fairness Act of 2011; State Sales Tax Collection on Internet Sales; FCC Tower Siting Order; Low Power FM Broadcast Radio Stations; FCC Notice of Inquire (NOI) on Broadband Development; and Community Access Preservation (CAP) Act. For the full report visit <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=165249>

7. 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 stated he was bringing the 2012 GTOPs Grant Review Committee's grant recommendations before the Commission tonight for action.

After approval the grant awardees will receive proclamations at the March 22nd City Council meeting at 5:30 pm.

8. Discussion and possible action on the 2012 GTOPs Grant Review Committee grant recommendations. (John Speirs) (wp2)

Motion to accept the 2012 Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs) Grant Review Committee's (GTOPs) recommendations as follows:
Austin Children's Museum- \$25,305.00, 100% of request; Austin Film Society-
\$16,000.00, 80% of request; Austin Free-Net- \$23,985.00, 80% of request; Austin
Speech Labs- \$26,100.00, 100% of request; Girlstart- \$15,280.00, 80% of request;

Literacy Coalition of Central Texas- \$18,915.00, 70% of request; Skillpoint Alliance- \$27,000.00, 90% of request; and Texas Folklife Resources- \$22,415.00, 70% of request was approved on Commissioner Rosenthal's motion; Commissioner Ramsey's second on a vote of 6-0-0. <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=165410>

9. Report from Community Technology Assessment Working Group. (Quintanilla) (wp3)

Commissioner Quintanilla reported that she, Commissioners Ramsey and Rosenthal attended this working groups meeting this past month along with City staff John Speirs. About 20 stake holders attended and were very interested. Dr. Straubhaar spoke regarding the data he continues to analyze from the Austin Residential Community Technology Survey.

John Speirs stated the survey data is now part of the City's Open Data Portal

10. Update from Open Government Working Group. (Rosenthal) (wp4)

Commissioner Rosenthal stated this working group consists of Commissioners Rosenthal, Williams and Ramsey, from the City: Stephen Elkins, City CIO; Matt Esquibel, City Web Master; Paul Lewis, TARA Assistant Manager; and Robert Levinski, Councilmember Morrison's office; also Julio Gonzalez, Open Austin; Conner Kenny, formally with the LBJ School of Public Affairs.

The group met March 14, 2012 for an orientation and to discuss the resolution that Council passed regarding open government. This Commission was directed to participate in four areas, open data; open source platform; mobile applications; and social media. At this meeting they mostly discussed open data.

As a group they are going to work on the recommendations for open data and gather some resources and best practices to review.

This group will meet again next month and give an update at this Commission's April regular meeting.

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

Motion to accept the 2012 Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission workplan city code annotations was made on Commissioner Rosenthal's motion; Commissioner Quintanilla's second on a vote of 6-0-0. <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=165411>

12. Update reports on networking relationships with other boards/commissions and groups, citywide and Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission (ACT&TC) information items.

Commissioner White requested staff to find out if Auditorium Shores has internet connectivity for the upcoming Urban Music Festival.

Commissioner Quintanilla gave a briefing of SXSW Interactive.

Commissioner Rosenthal stated that BarCampAustin has restarted.

<http://barcamp.org/w/page/400262/BarCampAustin>

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

Proposed items for the April 11, 2012 regular meeting.

- Report from Open Government Working Group.
- Public Access Community Television (aka channelAustin) update.
- Staff update on Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs) (John Speirs) (wp2)
- Presentation on reverse 411 (disaster services).
- Presentation from Skillpoint Alliance on their GTOPs grant.
- Open Data from other City Departments

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm