

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE FOR
EMERGING TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 9, 2012**

Call meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order by Council Member Morrison at 3:05pm.

There may be discussion and action on any or all of the following items:

1. General Citizen Communications (3 minutes to speak)

Mr. Chip Rosenthal addressed the Committee on the need for more funding to support the Open Government initiative.

2. Approval of minutes from the June 20, 2012 regular committee meeting

A motion to adopt the minutes as to form from the June 20, 2012 Council Committee for Emerging Technology & Telecommunications regular meeting was made by Council Member Riley; seconded by Council Member Morrison. Vote 2-0 with Council Member Spelman absent.

3. Update: Pecan Street Project (Brewster McCracken, Executive Director)

Mr. McCracken provided information on the focus of the research of the Pecan Street Project stating that they are currently focused on consumer research including clean technology, a Smart Grid, commercialization lab at the Mueller Development and roof top solar. Mr. McCracken stated that the Mueller Development has the densest concentration of roof-top solar in the country.

4. Update: Local Solar Advisory Committee (Steve Wiese, Chair)

Mr. Wiese stated that the 20 members have formed working groups to address specific topics. Mr. Wiese stated that the Committee was recommending an increase in the FY 2013 Austin Energy budget. Part of this increase would be to cover expiring tax credits for solar installations. Mr. Wiese also stated that the contract with the Pecan Street Project was complete.

5. Consider agenda items for next meeting.

There were no agenda items.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.

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5. Presentation: Austin Technology Education Labs (Julie Huls, President Austin Technology Council)

Ms. Huls stated that the Austin Technology Council would like to form a partnership with the City of Austin to create a Technology Education Lab. The partnership would provide leveraging expertise and assets. ATC currently works closely with the Austin Technology Incubator, working with companies that have "graduated" from the ATI program and taking them to the next level. The new partnership would require the current funding level of \$14,000 per year to increase to \$50,000 per year.