Annotations to City Code Section 2-1-107
Accomplishment in red

Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission
2012 Workplan Accomplishments

1. Access Television and Community Media

Promote the use and public support of access television and community media. Investigate ways to sustain and improve access television. Identify and develop sustainable funding mechanisms for Public Access Television.

* Assist the Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs (TARA) office in the performance evaluation of channelAustin, the public access television management contractor. **C.6**
  - Receive periodic reports from channelAustin management.
  - Receive feedback from public access producer community.
* Support "Channel 6" City of Austin government access television. **E.1; F**
  - Receive periodic reports from Channel 6 management.
  - Support outreach efforts, especially with respect to new technology and services.
* Support PEG (public, educational, governmental) access television. **E.1; F**
  - Monitor availability and quality of PEG services on local video provider networks.
  - Support local PEG access programming and coordination between regional PEG providers.
  - Work with the City on monitoring the status of PEG operations and services.
  - Support outreach efforts to increase public awareness of and public support for access programming and community media.
  - Work on bolstering community groups' use of public access television.
  - Monitor and make recommendations on allocating PEG capital funds.

  o Held a regular scheduled meeting at the Channel Austin's main studio (public access studios). **Aired live June 27.**
  o Received update presentation on Channel 6 from Keith Reeves – **January 11**
  o Staff update on Public Access Community Television (aka channelAustin) 1st quarter accomplishments. **– April 11**
  o Received update presentation from Public Access Community Television – **May 9,; December 12**
  o Passed recommendation to Council on approval of equipment purchase for PACT for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed $294,244 – **May 9**
  o Motion that the Commission support funding for Public Access Community Television (aka channelAustin) contract as proposed in the FY 2012-2013. **– June 27**
  o Recommendation to Council on negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Austin Independent School District (AISD) to contribute up to $250,000 from fees collected by the City from Austin's cable providers for public, educational and government access channels for AISD's purchase of approximately $550,000 of equipment necessary for the operation of the AISD educational access channel. – **August 8**

o Presentation from staff on strategic vision for community media capital investment. – **September 12**
o Brown bag lunch to discuss strategic vision for community media capital investments **– October 2**
o Staff update on strategic vision for community media capital investment**. – October 10**
o Updates from staff on Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) access. – **Periodically**

2. Grant for Technology Opportunities

Provide support and oversight to the Grant for Technology Opportunities (GTOPs) program to assure continued success.

* Manage the process to review grant applications and make award recommendations. **H**
* Review and make recommendations for the annual funding of GTOPs. **C.1; C.5**
* Continue to monitor and conduct annual review of GTOPs goals, process and procedures. **H**
* Communicate to Council and the community GTOPs' status and accomplishments. **F**
* Request periodic tours of and presentations from past GTOPs recipients. **E.2; E.3**
* Support staff in the success of GTOPs. **H**

o Staff update on GTOPs – **Monthly**
o Concluded grant review cycle and GTOPs grant recommendations from 2012 GTOPs Grant Review Committee. – **March 14**
o Form GTOPs Review Work Group – **May 9**
o Received presentation from GTOPs awardee, Skillpoint Alliance (Lainie Duro) **– June 27**
o Received progress updates from GTOPs Working Group. **Periodically**
o GTOPs awardees recognized through a Council Proclamation **– March 22**
o The motion that the Commission support funding the Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs) - **June** 27
o Accepted recommendations 1 through 5, 8 & 9 from the 2013 GTOPs Review Working Group and to further review recommendations 6 & 7 – **September 12; October 10**
o Approved recommendation on items 6 & 7 from the GTOPs Review Working Group **- December 12.**

3. Digital Inclusion and Community Technology

Continue to support the City of Austin opportunities, initiatives and budgeted plans for expanding equitable public access telecommunications and information services for all of Austin. Continue to support the City of Austin Community Technology Initiative. Continue to support community networks and community technology centers. Continue to work with programs, events and organizations that assist local interactive, music, film, digital entertainment companies, community media and community technology groups.

* Continue to support Austin Free-Net. **C.1; C.5**
   - Receive periodic updates from Austin Free-Net.
* Continue to support the Austin Connects Initiative. **C.1**

- Receive periodic updates from staff.
* Continue to support the Austin Residential Technology Survey project. **C.1; C.2; C.3; C.4; C.5; E.1; E.2; E.3**
    - Review/Analyze survey results and make recommendations based on results.
    - Recommend solutions to increase digital access in underserved areas.
    - Make recommendations to City Council for periodic updates of the Community Technology Assessment Working Group.
    - Generate greater awareness of the survey results as a resource to the public.
* Monitor City of Austin comprehensive plan process with respect to public technology issues. **C.1; C.2; E.2; F**
    - Broadband services, technology skills and availability.
    - City web site and open government initiative.
    - Identify opportunities and make recommendations for improved broadband service and availability.
    - Investigate community benefit and opportunities from new and available technologies.
* Offer invitations to community groups to address the Commission. **E.1; E.2; E.3**

- o Received update from Community Technology Assessment Working Group – **January 11; February 8; March 14; June 27, September 12; October 10; December 12**
- o Received presentation from Austin Fire Department on Reverse 411 (disaster services) for wireless subscribers. – **April 11**
- o Received presentation on Gaming – A Community's view point from Deonte Thompson – **June 27**
- o Received presentation on Isis Mobile Wallet launch and its community impact and community direction from Nan Matthews. – **August 8**
- o Presentation from UpGradeUSA – **September 12**
- o Individual Commission advisory in support of Council action to provide $250,000 funding to create a Government Innovation Office – **August 8**
- o Resolution to Council to increase funding levels for Austin Free-Net up to $13,453.59 per month for a total of $161,443.08 for FY 2012-13. – **June 27**
- o Motion approved to support staffs recommendation to Council on Austin Free-Net contract budget amendment – **December 12**
- o Resolution to Council for the budget amendment to Austin Free-Net contract passed **December 13**
- o Motion to request the Community Technology Assessment Working Group to develop a specific funding recommendation for Austin Free-Net and request the Commission Chair to communicate the recommendation to Council in advance of August 23, 2012. – **August 8**

4. Open Government

Support open government technology initiatives that improve citizen access to public information and increase engagement in civic activites.

* Monitor status of Austin Government Online (AustinGO) initiative, and receive periodic updates on the city website, data portal, and other online facilities. **C.7**

*   Work with city staff to develop recommendations for an Open Government Framework that includes rules and standards for open data, guidelines for open source platforms and strategic priorities for mobile applications. **C.7**
*   Provide opportunities for community input on open government initiative. **C.7**
*   Highlight and support citizen efforts that utilize open government data and services. **C.7**

    o   Received update presentation on AustinGO – **January 11; June 27**
    o   Open Government Working Group update – **January 11; February 8; March 14; April 11; May 9; June 27, September 12; October 10; December 12**
    o   Received update presentations from Code for America Fellows – **February 8; March 14**
    o   Received presentation from Capital Metro on their customer technology initiative – **May 9**
    o   Received presentation from Nigel Jacob and Chris Osgood from City of Boston on their New Urban Mechanics program. – **August 8**
    o   Commission and individual Commissioners in support of Code-a-thon events
    o   Resolution to Council to include in the FY 2012-2013 city budget to add dedicated staff to direct open government and digital innovations efforts within the city. **- June 27**

5. Legislative, Regulatory and Consumer Issues

Continue to monitor legislative and regulatory issues relating to regulated communication industries and media, at both the federal and state levels. Offer policy recommendations to staff and Council.

*   Receive periodic updates from TARA. **C.1; C.2; E.3**
*   Monitor impact of State and Federal regulation on the availability, quality, and affordability of broadband services, including network neutrality issues. **C.1; C.2; E.3**
*   Monitor status of technology grant opportunities. **C.4**
*   Monitor transition of franchised video services to State franchising. **C.2**

    o   Received staff briefing on Legislative, Regulatory and Policy issues. – **Monthly**

6. Program and Funding Recommendations

Provide program and funding recommendations for FY 2013 based on workplan items as appropriate. **C.5**

    o   Additional programming funding recommendations are listed in impact area above
    o   Staff presentation on FY 2012-2013 Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs budget – **June 2**

7. Coordination and Communication

Develop and maintain working relationships with other boards and commissions, other city departments, event organizers and community groups. **C.1; C.2; C.3; C.4; C.6; E.1; E.2; E.3; F**