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Current Commission Members:

Lemuel Williams, Jr., Chair	Elizabeth Quintanilla, Vice Chair
Wendell Ramsey	Chip Rosenthal
Melvin White	Taylor Overstreet
VACANT POSITION	

The following items are posted for discussion and possible action.

1. Call to order – March 13, 2013 - 6:34 p.m.

    Commission members in attendance:
    Lemuel Williams, Jr., Chair
    Elizabeth Quintanilla
    Wendell Ramsey
    Melvin White
    Chip Rosenthal
    Taylor Overstreet

    City Staff in attendance:
    Rondella Hawkins
    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 13, 2013 Commission Regular Meeting.

The minutes from the Commission regular meeting of February 13, 2013 was approved on Commissioner White's motion; Commissioner Ramsey's second on a vote of 5-0-0. (Commissioner Quintanilla arrived after item 4) http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=185441

5. Presentation on how Amatra, a global provider of smart communication, helps the community using technology. (Kishan Siram, President) (wp3)

Mr. Siram gave an overview of his product with a PowerPoint presentation that can be viewed at http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=185438

6. Presentation on ATX Civic Hack-A-Thon. (Chip Rosenthal) (wp4)

 Commissioner Rosenthal attended the ATX Civic Hack-A-Thon event held in Austin on February 23,   a one-day event, dedicated to creating tools, applications, and data with a civic purpose and for the civic good. The event brings together local coders, designers, analysts, subject matter experts, managers and hackers to spend one focused day working on new project design or development. The event was associated with Code Across America, a nationwide event sponsored by Code for America.
More info at: www.open-austin.org

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

Paul Lewis, Assistant Manager of the City of Austin Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs (TARA) Office update included Cable/Video Issues; State Legislation, and Federal activities. Please visit http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=185418 for report.

8. Staff update on strategic vision for community media capital investment. (Rondella Hawkins) (wp1)

Tabled until April 10, 2013 meeting

9. Discussion and possible action on the 2013 GTOPs Grant Review Committee grant recommendations. (John Speirs) (wp2)

Motion to accept the 2013 Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs) Grant Review Committee's (GTOPs) recommendations as follows: River City Youth Foundation $25,000; Austin Speech Labs $25,000; Austin Free-net $24,000; Skillpoint Alliance $23,000; Literacy Coalition of Central Texas $22,000; Austin Habitat for Humanity $16,000; Boys & Girls Clubs of Austin & Travis County, Inc. $14,000; Film Society of Austin $16,500; and Easter Seals-Central Texas $9,500 was approved on Commissioner Ramsey's motion; Commissioner White's second on a vote of 5-0-1.(Commissioner Rosenthal recused himself from this item due to a conflict of interest and left the dais) http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=185443

10. Staff update on Community Technology Initiative and the Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs) GTOPs. (John Speirs) (wp2)

     John Sprier, Program Coordinator with the City of Austin TARA Office reported that a Community Dashboard meeting will be scheduled in the next few weeks with Community Action network.

     Staff attended the online GED meet-up and the Science, Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) Council quarterly meeting. Skillpoint Alliance are looking for a donation of 60 Microsoft based laptops.

11. Develop budget recommendations for Commission priorities (Lemuel Williams)(wp6)

     Proposed recommendations on 2014 budget:
     - CTM helping to the community
     - Residential Survey
     - GTOPs
     - Austin Free-Net contract
     - ChannelAustin contract

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 Ramsey attended SXSW Interactive. He stated it was well attended. Also spotlighted the workshops including the programming for Blacks in Technology.

     Even though traffic in Austin, especially for SXSW, does not fit this Commission's mission he would like to gather some suggestions from this commission and present them to Council (i.e. street cuts during conferences). He also stated that the Wi-Fi network access at SXSW Interactive was very congested.

     Commissioner Rosenthal suggested they could include the Urban Transportation Commission on their discussing on traffic.

     Commissioner Quintanilla attended the Digital Council Event at SXSW and Door 64 hosted at tech career fair.

Rondella Hawkins, Officers of TARA stated there will be a Digital Inclusion Conference, April 26 and 27 at the University of Texas, LBJ School of Public Affairs.

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

Possible agenda items for the April 10, 2013 regular meeting:
- Staff update on strategic vision for community media capital investment. (Rondella Hawkins) (wp1)
- African American Chamber of Commerce presentation their effort in community technology.(wp3)
- Update report from Austin Free-Net (wp3)
- Update report from ChannelAustin (wp1)
- **Update report on Innovation Office proposal.**(wp3)
- Report from Community Technology Assessment Working Group (Commissioner Quintanilla)(wp3)

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm