



Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission
Regular Meeting

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April 10, 2013

City Hall – Austin, Texas

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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 – April 10, 2013 - 6:45 p.m.

Commission members in attendance:

Lemuel Williams, Jr.
Elizabeth Quintanilla
Wendell Ramsey
Chip Rosenthal

Commission members absent:

Melvin White
Taylor Overstreet

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 communications.

4. Approval of minutes – March 13, 2013 Commission Regular Meeting.

Minutes from the Commission regular meeting of March 13, 2013 was approved on Commissioner Ramsey's motion; Commissioner Rosenthal's second on a vote of 4-0. (Commissioners White and Overstreet absent)

View minutes at <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=187297>

5. Update report from channelAustin . (Stefan Wray) (wp1)

Stefan Wray gave a PowerPoint presentation on channelAustin's performance measures.

View PowerPoint at <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=187096>

6. Update report from Austin Free-Net. (Juanita Budd, Ex Director) (wp3)

This item was postponed until this Commission's May 8, 2013 regular meeting

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 Public, Educational & Governmental (PEG) channel coordination; State Legislation, and Federal activities.

Please visit <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=187301> for full report.

8. Discussion and possible action on strategic vision for community media capital investment. (Rondella Hawkins) (wp1)

Rondella Hawkins, Officer, Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs presented a proposed PEG capital funding policy guideline. After discussion and some additions the Commission voted to accept the guidelines.

Motion to indorse the staff recommendation on the Public, Educational and Governmental access channels capital funding policy guidelines with the addition of a degree of collaboration with PEG entities and staff to provide a presentation to the

Commission on its capital recommendations was approved on Commissioner Ramsey's motion; Commissioner Quintanilla's second on a vote of 4-0. (Commissioners White and Overstreet absent.)

9. Staff update on Community Technology Initiative and the Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs) and possible action on appointments to the GTOPs Review Working Group. (John Speirs) (wp2)

John Speirs, Program Coordinator with the City of Austin TARA Office reported that staff launched a feedback website regarding digital inclusion at www.austintexas.gov/departments/biggaustin.

Mr. Speirs proposed a website at austintexas.gov/digitalinclusion to include the Tech Survey and all the GTOPs information which would also be a link on the City's home page.

The commission would like a briefing on the process for this website regarding community engagement of the roll out process.

Action on the appointments to the GTOPs Review Working Group was postponed until the May 8th regular meeting.

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

Commissioner Quintanilla stated that this working group did not meet this month. They are waiting to see if the City Manager's proposed budget will include funding for the survey.

The TARA office will submit their unmet needs, which includes recommended funding for the survey, to the Budget Office in May for consideration to be included in the City Manager proposed budget to City Council in June.

11. 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 she attended PIKE's power lab at Mueller. Other invitees were Skillpoint. <http://www.pecanstreet.org/projects/lab/>

RISE Week Austin 2013: May 13-17, 2013. RISE is a Relationship & Information Series for Entrepreneurs - is a nonprofit program that hosts an annual series dedicated to empowering entrepreneurs through a free, crowd-sourced, decentralized conference in which entrepreneurs connect and exchange ideas that inspire the entrepreneurial spirit. <https://www.riseglobal.org/>

Commissioner Rosenthal announced that June 1 & 2 are the National Days of Civic Hacking. This event will be people from around the nation talking about civic apps and other social apps. Austin's event is sponsored and held at St Edwards University. For more info visit: www.hackforchange.org

May 23rd Open Austin will sponsor a civic tech expo at City Hall. www.openaustin.org

Ms. Hawkins announced there will be a Digital Inclusion in Texas Conference April 26 and 27 at UT Bass Auditorium LBJ School of Public Affairs. This is a conference for providers and decision makers on public policies on digital inclusion. This is put on by Technology For All, Austin Free-Net, Connected Texas Technology and Public Policy Program, LBJ School of Public Affairs, UT Austin Telecommunications and Information Policy Institute, UT Austin and The City of Austin.

<http://rtf.utexas.edu/events/digital-inclusion-texas-conference-and-colloquium>

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

Possible agenda items for May 8, 2013 regular meeting:

- Staff budget presentation (wp6)
- Discussion and possible action on Commission budget recommendations. (Commissioner Williams) (wp6)
- Update report from Austin Free-Net. (Juanita Budd, Ex Director) (wp3)
- Update report on Innovations Office proposal.
- Possible action on appointments to the GTOPs Review Working Group. (John Speirs) (wp2)
- Staff presentation on Google Fiber initiative and what is this Commission role.
- Staff presentation from CTM on projects for civic and public technology. Commissioner Rosenthal will coordinate this with Steven Elkins.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm