

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE FOR
EMERGING TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 2013**

Call meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order at 3:10pm by Council Member Morrison.

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 spoke concerning the ATX Civic Hackathon III that will occur on Saturday, February 23, 2013 and the OpenAustin Hack Nights which occur regularly.

2. Approval of minutes from the October 24, 2012 and November 14, 2012 regular committee meetings

A motion to adopt the minutes as to form from the October 24, 2012 and November 14, 2012 Council Committee for Emerging Technology & Telecommunications regular meetings was made by Council Member Riley; seconded by Council Member Spelman. Vote 3-0.

3. Panel Discussion: Uptown/Capitol District: Envisioning a Technology Hub (Donna Howard, State Representative; Mark Strama, State Representative; Isaac Barchas, Director, Austin Technology Incubator; Jim Robertson, Manager, Development Services, Planning & Development Review Department; Kevin Johns, Director, Economic Growth & Redevelopment Services Office; Susan Davenport, Senior Vice President, Global Technology Strategies, Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce; Bryan Jones, Vice Chair, Technology Committee, Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce)

Participating in the panel were Eddie Rodriguez, State Representative, Mark Strama, State Representative, Bryan Jones, Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, Susan Davenport, Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, Isaac Barchas, University of Texas at Austin-Austin Technology Incubator, Sue Edwards, Assistant City Manager, Kevin Johns, Economic Growth & Redevelopment Services Office, Rodney Gonzales, Economic Growth & Redevelopment Services Office, and Jim Robertson, Planning & Development Review Department. Mr. Robertson and Mr. Johns presented information on the various existing planning documents that cover the Northeast area of downtown, which include the Downtown Plan, Waller Creek Master Plan, Capitol View Corridors, and Urban Rail, as well as information on Innovation Districts and Economic Development Corporations in other cities. The discussion included information on the value of an innovation district which could include investment capital, commercialization opportunities, and synergy of clustering or co-locating innovative and creative entities.

4. Consider agenda items for next meeting.

There were no items for consideration.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm.