



Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission Regular Meeting

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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
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The following items are posted for discussion and possible action.

1. Call to order – August 14, 2013 - 6:33 p.m.

Commission members in attendance:

Lemuel Williams, Jr.
Elizabeth Quintanilla
Wendell Ramsey
Chip Rosenthal
Melvin White
Taylor Overstreet

Staff in attendance:

Rondella Hawkins
Paul Lewis
John Speirs
Jane Reina
Elizabeth Moore

2. Adoption of agenda.

The agenda was adopted by consent of the Commission

3. Citizen Communications: 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.

Mr. Scott Johnson had concerns that the City of Austin's Tower Ordinance needs to be reviewed for revisions and requested the Commission be involved.

Mr. Johnson also raised concerns about certain risks from Internet use, and requested the City help address those risks.

4. Approval of minutes – June 12, 2013 Commission Regular Meeting.

Minutes from the Commission regular meeting of June 12, 2013 were approved on Commissioner Quintanilla's motion; Commissioner Ramsey's second on a vote of 6-0.

View approved minutes at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=194541>

5. Presentation from Kansas City's Office of Innovation (Ashley Hand) (wp4)

Ashley Hand, Kansas City, Missouri Chief Innovation Officer gave an overview their Innovation Office through a conference call.

Visit Kansas City's PowerPoint at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=194513>

Visit these links for information on the City of Austin's Chief Innovation Office:

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=194758>

http://www.cps.ca.gov/recruitment_current.html

<http://www.austincityjobs.org>

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

Juanita Budd, Executive Director of Austin-Free Net gave an update which included their marketing, funding and partnership efforts.

7. Update report from Channel Austin (Karla Saldaña, Training Director) (wp1)

Karla Saldaña, Training Director for Channel Austin (aka Public Community Television (PACT)) gave an update which included their training numbers, youth camps, marketing, community involvement, and their 40th year anniversary events. For more info on Community TV visit: www.Channelaustin.org

To view their PowerPoint visit: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=194879>

8. Austin Energy update on 311 (Bill Starks, Austin 3-1-1 Project Manager & Rob Duncan Austin 3-1-1 Operations Manager) (wp3)

Rob Duncan, Austin 3-1-1 Operations Manager's update included Smart Phone App and Two-way automated database interfaces. View their PowerPoint at:

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=194506>

9. 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 City of Austin PEG channel coordination and Federal activity. Visit this link for full report: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=194512>

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

Elizabeth Moore, Digital Inclusion Associate and John Speirs, Program Coordinator with the City of Austin Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs stated the goal is to have the Community Connection Selection Application posted to the digital inclusion website on October 26th.

11. Discussion and possible action on selection criteria on Google Fiber Community Connections Program (John Speirs) (wp3)

Rondella Hawkins, City of Austin Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs, Officer presented a PowerPoint overview of the City's proposed selection criteria, timeline and process for identifying the sites to receive s Google Fiber Community Connection. Please visit PowerPoint presentation for more detail at:

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=194408>

Visit memo at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=194408>

Commission made several recommendations on the Community Connections site selection evaluation criteria, which included:

- Whether the requesting organization will offer a new community service to the public as a result of the Google Fiber connection
- Demographical information (ethnicity, gender, age and income levels) and geographic characteristics of the community members served by the organization
- The partnerships of the organization
- Does the organization currently have access to affordable, quality, high-speed broadband internet?
- The availability and accessibility of the connection

The proposed selection criteria, timeline and process for identifying the sites to receive the Google Fiber Community Connection as well as additional comments by this Commission was approved on Commissioner Ramsey's motion; Commissioner Quintanilla second on a vote of 6-0

Please visit www.austintexas.gov/digitalinclusion for more info on how to apply the Google Fiber Community Connection.

Email questions or comments to digital.inclusion@austintexas.gov

12. Report from GTOPs Grant Review Working Group. (John Speirs) (wp2)

John Speirs reported that this group has not met since the last Commission meeting and therefore had nothing to report but will be giving a report at the September meeting which will include recommendations from this group.

He encouraged the Commissioners to meet with their Council Members regarding continued funding to the FY 14 GTOPs program.

13. Report from Open Government Working Group. (Chip Rosenthal) (wp4)

Postponed

14. Update reports on networking relationships with other boards/commissions and groups, citywide and Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission (ACT&TC) information items.

John Speirs reported they are networking and collaborating with UT on some research opportunities, all of which are currently unfunded and also working with Austin Free-net on digital inclusion services. They will be meeting soon to discuss assessment of activities.

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

Possible agenda items for September 11, 2013 regular meeting

- Discussion and possible action on recommendations from the GTOPs Grant Review Working Group.(John Speirs) (wp2)
- Presentation from past GTOPs awardee (Skillpoint)
- Presentation from Africa American Chamber on their community efforts.
- Report from Open Government Working Group. (Chip Rosenthal) (wp4)
- Presentation from (Private Company) on their STEM efforts.
- Update on Google Fiber Community Connections Program (Rondella Hawkins/John Speirs) (wp3) Deadline for applications in September 30th.

The November 6, 2013 special called meeting to review Google Fiber Community Connection public facilities sites selection will start at 6:00 pm

16. Adjournment

The was adjourned at 9:29 pm