

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE FOR  
EMERGING TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
MEETING MINUTES**

November 13, 2013

**Call meeting to order.**

The meeting was called to order at 3:15pm by Council Member Morrison

**1. General Citizen Communications (3 minutes to speak)**

There were no speakers.

**2. Approval of minutes from the October 22, 2013 regular committee meeting**

Without objection this item was postponed.

**3. Approval of 2014 Committee Meeting Dates**

The dates were approved.

**4. Discussion and Recommendation: Proposed sites to be included in the Google Community Connections program (Council Member Laura Morrison, Rondella Hawkins, Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs Office)**

Ms. Rondella Hawkins stated that there had been an overwhelming response to the Community Connections Program, with the TARA Office receiving 310 applications from 158 organizations. At their November 6, 2013 meeting, the Austin Community Technology & Telecommunications Commission recommended dividing the applications into categories: Arts, Culture, & Community; Education, Workforce, & Higher Education; Social, Health, & Well-Being; and Public Facilities & Entities. After staff review, only 11 applications were disqualified for not meeting the requirements. Mr. John Speirs, Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs, showed a map with the applications highlighted.

**A motion to recommend adoption by the City Council of the list created by the Austin Community Technology & Telecommunications Commission and City Staff of proposed Community Connections sites was made by Council Member Riley; seconded by Council Member Morrison. Vote 2-0 with Council Member Spelman absent.**

**5. Presentation: Regarding the solar credit provided to customers under the residential solar tariff (Pat Sweeney, Director, Energy & Market Operations, Austin Energy; Debbie Kimberly, Vice President, Customer Energy Solutions, Austin Energy)**

This item was withdrawn.

- 6. Briefing: Status report on City implementation of Council Open Government Resolution No. 20111208-074 which directed the City Manager to develop recommendations for elements of an Open Government Framework to address free access and disclosure of City data (Open Data), development of open source platforms, development of mobile applications, and social media (Stephen Elkins, Chief Information Officer, Communications & Technology Management Department)**

Mr. Stephen Elkins briefed the Committee on Open Government issues. Mr. Elkins stated that interviews are being conducted for the position of Innovation Officer, the Open Government governance group has been formed and has participated in a regional Open Government workshop, and that staff had attended the Code for America Summit in October.

- 7. Consider agenda items for next meeting.**

There were no items for consideration.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55pm.