



COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

Regular Meeting – May 13, 2015

City Hall - Austin, TX

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CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Lemuel Williams, Chair	Chelsea McCullough, Vice Chair
Wendell Ramsey	Melvin White
Elizabeth Quintanilla	Tracy LaQuey Parker
David Holmes	

Commission Members Present:

Lemuel Williams, Chair
Chelsea McCullough, Vice Chair
Wendell Ramsey
Melvin White
Tracy LaQuey Parker
David Holmes
Elizabeth Quintanilla

Staff in attendance:

Paul Lewis
John Speirs
Sharla Chamberlain
Kirby Aull
Jane Reina

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first ten 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 communications.

The Commission recognized Katie Yoder with a certificate of appreciation from City Council for her work on the Digital Inclusion Strategic Plan's Connection 4.1 Initiatives. Ms. Yoder is a volunteer with Open Austin and a professional GIS analyst. Sharla Chamberlain with the City's Digital Inclusion Team presented the certificate.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 8, 2015

Minutes from the commission regular meeting of April 8, 2015 were approved on Commissioner McCullough's motion; Commissioner Ramsey's second on a vote of 6-0. (Commissioner Quintanilla arrived after item 2)

3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

a. Presentation on Unlocking the Connection (Catherine Crago, Austin Pathways Strategic Initiatives and Resource Development – Housing Authority of the City of Austin)

Ms. Crago gave a brief presentation. Visit this link for the PowerPoint presentation:

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=230868>

b. Open Austin update (Chip Rosenthal)

Mr. Rosenthal gave a brief updated. Visit this link for the PowerPoint presentation:

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=230911>

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS (Discussion and Possible Action)

a. City of Austin Innovations Office update. (Kerry O'Connor, Chief Innovation Officer)

Ms. O'Connor gave a very extensive update. Visit this link for the PowerPoint:

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=231139>

b. Hack for Change update (Vice Chair McCullough)

Commissioner McCullough gave a brief update. A Hack for Change event will be June 5-7, 2015 at St. Edwards University. Find more info at: www.atxhackforchange.org

c. Digital Inclusion Strategic Plan Update (John Speirs, Sharla Chamberlain, TARA)

Sharla Chamberlain, Program Specialist and John Speirs, Program Coordinator City of Austin Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs, gave a brief update. Visit this link for the PowerPoint: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=231339>

d. TARA Legislative, Regulatory and Policy Update (Paul Lewis, TARA)

Paul Lewis, Assistant Manager City of Austin Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs (TARA) update included Cable/Video Issue; City & State Regulations; and Federal Activity. Visit the full report at:

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=230910>

1. Informational Items: channelAustin Report, Austin Free-Net Report.

Links to reports from channelAustin and Austin Free-Net:

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=230647>

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=231429>

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Chair Announcements

The Chair had no announcements

b. Items from Commission Members

Commissioner Quintanilla reported that Women@ Austin will have an event in May where SiriusDecisions is speaking. More info at: <http://womenataustin.com/>

c. Items from City Staff

Sharla Chamberlain reported there will be a Made w/Code event on May 30th at Pleasant Hill Library. This is a Google initiative to get all young people interested in coding and to celebrate creativity through fun projects. More info on Made with Code at:

<https://www.madewithcode.com/>

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next Regular Meeting: June 10, 2015

Proposed agenda items for the June 10, 2015 regular meeting:

- Presentation from GTOPs recipient
- Staff Briefing on City Budget
- Discussion and Possible action on FY 16 Budget Recommendations
- Public Access Request for Proposal (RFP) update

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm

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