



COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting

January 11, 2017

City Hall - Austin, TX

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CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Virgilia Pruthi - Mayor Steve Adler

Nehemiah Pitts III - Council Member Ora Houston, District 1

VACANT - Council Member Delia Garza, District 2

Malcolm Yeatts - Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria, District 3

David Alexander - Council Member Gregorio Casar, District 4

Dave Floyd - Council Member Ann Kitchen, District 5

Lemuel Williams - Council Member Jimmy Flannigan, District 6

Mateo Clarke - Council Member Leslie Pool, District 7

Tanner Vaughan - Council Member Ellen Troxclair, District 8

Angela Newell - Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo, District 9

Sumit DasGupta - Council Member Alison Alter, District 10

Commission Members Present

Virgilia Pruthi

Nehemiah Pitts III

Malcolm Yeatts

David Alexander

Dave Floyd

Mateo Clarke

Angela Newell

Sumit DasGupta

Commissioner Member Unexcused Absence

Lemuel Williams

Commission Member Excused Absence

Tanner Vaughan

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.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 14, 2016

Minutes from the Commission's regular meeting of December 14, 2016 was made on Commissioner DasGupta's motion; Commissioner Pruthi's second, on a vote of 6-0.

(Commissioner Floyd abstained. Commissioner Williams unexcused absence. Commissioner Vaughan excused absence.)

3. COMMISSION UPDATES (Discussion and Possible Action)

a. Commission Effectiveness Working Group.

Commissioner Floyd stated the Commission is still encouraged to meet with the Council Members to ask how the Council feels the Commission could be more effective.

Commissioner DasGupta stated that last month he provided feedback from Council Member Sheri Gallo who was replaced with Council Member Alison Alter. He will also be meeting with Ms. Alter regarding how the Council feels the Commission could be more effective.

b. Community Engagement Working Group.

Commissioner Sumit DasGupta is going to put some language together in the form of a Recommendation to Council to request the City Manager to ask relevant department heads and appropriate employees to participate in (work with) our Working Group to evaluate the legal, structural and funding issues to provide enhanced infrastructure to enable suppliers to provide significantly enhanced communication capabilities across the city.

c. Civic Technology Working Group.

Commissioner Yeatts stated he has been working with the city's Neighborhood Planning Department to get more IT information classes for neighborhoods. The goal is to get more people to view the city website as a resource for information about the city.

Commissioner Yeatts also stated that the Commission's City Code needs to be revised to address changing the mission of this Commission to include citizen oversight of telecomm infrastructure and for commission members to be automatically considered for inclusion in new city programs such as Smart Cities that address technology issues.

d. Open Government Working Group.

Commissioner Clarke reported that this working group is concerned with improving the accessibility of local government to citizens due to principles of transparency, accountability, participation and technology. Most recently this working group led the drafting of a recommendation, adopted by the Commission in support of lobbyist reporting open data publication. City initiatives with specific interests and relativeness to the working group include; the open government partnership commandment spearheaded by the Office of Innovation; the open data initiative facilitated by Communications Technology Management (CTM) Department; the implementation of recommendations from the Task Force for Community Engagements final report; and the reorganization of the Open Governance Operating Board.

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS (A member of the public may not address a board at a meeting on an item posted as a briefing)

a. Legislative & Regulatory Overview, & Public, Educational & Government (PEG) Access. (written report)

Visit this link for the report:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=269791>

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next Regular Meeting: February 8, 2017.

Items proposed for the February 8, 2017 regular meeting:

- Briefing/Update from the Open Government Working Group from the Public Information Office on the status of the Recommendations presented by the Task Force on Community Engagement.
- Telecom Providers

Items proposed for the future regular meetings:

- Ride Austin
- data.world (Commissioner Pruthi has a contact)
- Glasshouse Policy (Commissioner Pruthi's suggestion having them talk about their efforts to include citizens in discussions)
- Managing Partner for Gartner with state and local government on technology trends for 2017 (Commission Pitts present and thought it would be relevant to us)

- ATC (Commissioner DasGupta still would like to hear from their ED), I think this would pair well with a brief from Austin Technology Alliance.
- The Commissioners wants to have a discussion about the continuation of each Working Group and the creation of two new groups. One around "Autonomous & Artificially Intelligent Technologies." This would ideally include members of other Commissions like Planning or Public Safety. Another around "Technology's Impact on the Workforce." John said he would come back to us with a list of existing Boards & Commissions who may have alignment with that subject.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm

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