TFCE Recommendations & Updates

Report to the CTTC
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Website Redesign

- **Started with Intranet as pilot for new approach, design**
  - Alpha for Intranet (CitySpace) scheduled for release this month
- **Currently building team for redesign project in partnership with CTM and Innovation Fellows**
  - Plan to formally initiate project on completion of CitySpace alpha
- **Working to move Web from project to program**
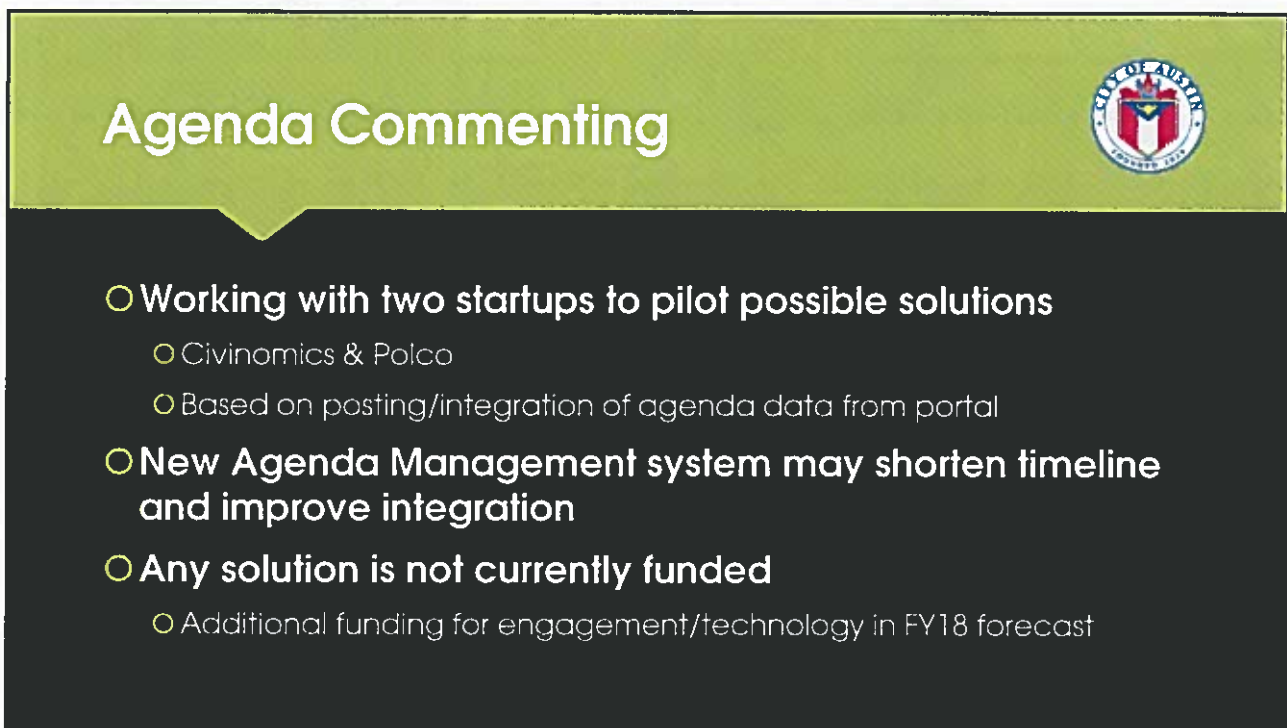 - BNS submitted for ranking and funding in FY18

Polco
Potential user test in February.

Civinomics
Initial user test in December, second test soon.

Reporting & Feedback

- O Identified as a top priority for CPIO
    - O Limitations on practitioners actively managing digital engagement and posting of feedback data
- O Implementing on a limited scale, based on resources
    - O Spirit of East Austin feedback data
    - O Asian-American Quality of Life feedback data
- O Proposed FTE funding in FY17, not included in budget
    - O CPIO is resubmitting FTE for consideration in FY18 forecast

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Spirit of East Austin Comments Neighborhood

View Data Download API Share

During the Sept. 12, 2015 Spirit of East Austin launch event, participants were asked What community resources do we have? What community resources are we missing? What's one thing you could have to Improve the quality of life? What's one thing I can do to make a difference? These are their captured responses

Updated
April 12, 2016

About this Dataset

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Data Last Updated   Metadata Last Updated
April 12, 2016   April 12, 2016

Additional Information

Frequency   As Needed

Department   Public Information Office

Spirit of East Austin Comments
849 views/163 downloads

Improved Engagement Portal

- Granicus/SpeakUp remains in flux
  - Lack of support remains an issue
  - Change in CEO in 2014, merger with GovDelivery in 2016 (and new CEO)
- Piloting alternative technologies
  - Innovation Office pilot (Insights), SoEA pilot (CityZen)
  - Solution may be a suite of alternatives based on business need
- Funding remains a challenge
  - Currently only $7K budgeted, new tools $30K+
  - Resubmitting request for $32K in FY18 budget forecast

speakupaustin!

The City of Austin's community engagement portal

What's This All About?

SpeakUpAustin is making it easier for the public to communicate feedback and receive information. SpeakUpAustin is a way for you to find out about ongoing **Projects**, join in on topical **Discussions**, create/share/vote on citizen-generated **Ideas**, and connect with others that share your interests. You can also take **Surveys** that will help us, as a community, shape the future of how we work. The more public input we receive the better SpeakUpAustin can become.

How can we improve the City of Austin?

Enter your idea here...   Submit

See More Ideas   ◄   Idea: Create a hospitality tax that gives every visitor to Austin access to pu...   ►

SpeakUp Austin
Current solution, co-created with local startup.
Costs kept low due to role in creation.

CityZen
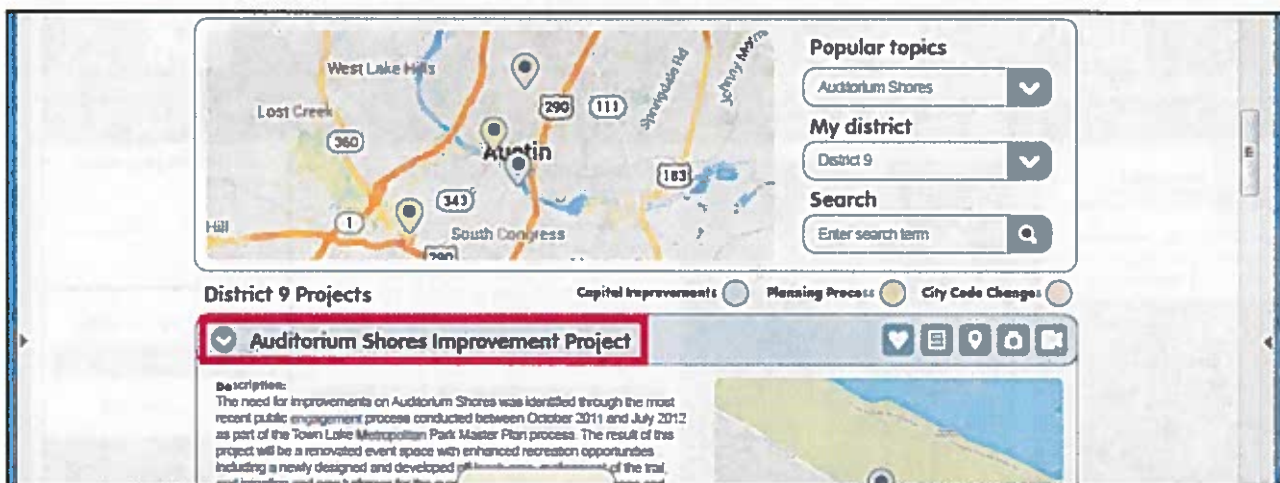SoEA pilot. Robust social integration, polling and reporting functions. Moderate cost.

Insights
ARR pilot. Engagement based on a single, discrete question. Option for professional analysis. High cost.

Online Tracking of Policies

- Requires consistent application of process through Council, Committees and Boards
  - This has been the core challenge. May be addressed with new Agenda Management system.
- Working on pilot with bond implementation/project tracking
  - Relates back to project proposed by AFI Academy in 2014
  - Technology may support implementation in 2017

Pipeline Concept
Sortable status updates on projects by district, category or project name

FY17 and Moving Forward

○ Web redesign project is underway

○ Continue evaluating, testing supportive technology

○ Aggressively pursue funding to support activities

   ○ FTE to support engagement technology and reporting

   ○ Supplemental funding for online engagement

   ○ Program-level support for sustainable Web development

Questions?

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