



COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Wednesday – July 13, 2022 – 6:30 PM

City Hall – Boards and Commissions - Room 1101

301 W. 2nd Street - Austin, TX 78701

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CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Sophie Gairo - Mayor Steve Adler

Nehemiah Pitts III - Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, District 1

Steven Apodaca – Council Member Vanessa Fuentes, District 2

Malcolm Yeatts - Council Member Sabino “Pio” Renteria, District 3

Cristina Garza - Council Member José “Chito” Vela, District 4

Dave Floyd - Council Member Ann Kitchen, District 5

Vacant - Council Member Mackenzie Kelly, District 6

Maxine Eiland - Council Member Leslie Pool, District 7

Jennifer Ramos - Council Member Paige Ellis, District 8

Nicole Thompson – Council Member Kathie Tovo, District 9

Sumit DasGupta - Council Member Alison Alter, District 10

Commission Members Present

Nehemiah Pitts III

Cristina Garza

Commission Members Attending Remotely

Steven Apodaca

Malcolm Yeatts

Dave Floyd

Maxine Eiland

Nicole Thompson

Sumit DasGupta

Unexcused Absence

Jennifer Ramos
Sophie Gairo

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Called to order at 6:43 pm.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first ten speakers who register to speak no later than noon the day before the meeting will be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

Commissioner Courtney Rosenthal spoke on cryptocurrency and blockchain technology and related City of Austin staff investigations of the technology. She requested the commission request staff presentations on these investigations.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 8, 2022

An edit was read into the record to amend the District 4 Council member represented to reflect the election results.

Motion to approve the June 8th minutes made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Chair Pitts passed on a vote of 7-0 with Commissioner DasGupta not present.

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

a. Shaping Austin: Racism and Urban Planning (Sam Tedford, Principal Planner, Housing and Planning Department)

The presentation by Sam Tedford can be viewed here:

b. T-Mobile For Government (John Bratcher, Nancy Anderson, and Heath Cox, T-Mobile)

The presentation by T-Mobile can be viewed here:

3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

a. Commission Discussion on FCC Broadband Standards (Discussion and Action)

Motion to assign homework to each commissioner to send questions and feedback to the Commission Liaison regarding the creation of broadband standards for the City of Austin made by Chair Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Apodaca, passed on a vote of 7-0.

b. Commission Discussion on the Digital Inclusion Strategic Plan (Discussion and Action)

Motion to advance the plan to analyze federal funding opportunities, including how the State intends to make those funds available, and for each Commissioner to contribute thoughts and questions to the Staff Liaison for compilation into a document made by Chair Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Garza, passed on a vote of 7-0.

c. Commission Discussion on an Intelligent Infrastructure Resolution (Discussion and Action)

The commission discussed a need to discuss draft resolution language, and to consider ways to be indifferent to specific technologies while favoring certain outcomes. The commissioners also expressed an interest in connecting to Travis County on this topic.

4. COMMISSION UPDATES (Discussion and Possible Action)

a. Digital Inclusion, Civic Engagement, and Strategic Technology and Telecom Policy Working Group

Chair Pitts noted that this working group met with the Innovation Office, and expressed interest in the Neighborhood Prosperity Index, the Social Vulnerability Index, and the Community Civic Research Agenda.

b. Knowledge, Information, and Data Stewardship Working Group

Commissioner Apodaca noted that the working group met and discussed a need to speak with CIO Chris Stewart about progress on the website update. The group also discussed voting tabature and the need for the commissioners to reach out to their Council Members about moving this item along. Commissioner Floyd mentioned he will follow up on the 3D home printing, and Chair Pitts noted that there was a need to talk this over with the Chief Homelessness Officer

c. Technology, Infrastructure, and Innovation Working Group

Commissioner Floyd noted that all of the items have been covered for this group, and that this working group will be focused on creating the resolution mentioned in item 3c.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Interim Chief Innovation Officer Daniel Culotta
- Chief Information Officer Chris Stewart on the City Website
- Motion Media Arts Center
- GTOPs Update

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Chair Pitts and seconded by Commissioner DasGupta passed on a vote of 8-0 at 9:34 PM.

The minutes were approved at the 09/14/2022 meeting on Commissioner Thompson's motion, Commissioner Apodaca's second, on a 7-0 vote.

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