



Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission

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REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday – July 10th, 2024 – 6:30PM

Permitting and Development Center – Event Center – Room 1405

6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr - Austin, TX 78752

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The Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission convened in a REGULAR meeting on Wednesday, July 10th, 2024, at 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr. in Austin, Texas.

Current Commission Members

Keith Pena-Villa - Mayor Kirk Watson

Brian AM Williams - Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, District 1

Steven Apodaca – Council Member Vanessa Fuentes, District 2

Carina Alderete - Council Member José Velásquez, District 3

Vacant - Council Member José “Chito” Vela, District 4

Thomas Rice- Council Member Ryan Alter, District 5

Gabriel Nwajiaku- Council Member Mackenzie Kelly, District 6

Vacant - Council Member Leslie Pool, District 7

Vacant - Council Member Paige Ellis, District 8

Ibiye Anga – Council Member Zohaib “Zo” Qadri, District 9

Sumit DasGupta - Council Member Alison Alter, District 10

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance in person:

Steven Apodaca, Chair

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Carina Alderete, Vice-Chair

Thomas Rice

Sumit DasGupta

Ibiye Anga
Brian AM Williams
Keith Pena-Villa

Board Members/Commissioners Not in Attendance:
Gabriel Nwajiaku

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Apodaca called the Community Technology and Telecommunications Meeting to order at 6:44 p.m.

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.

No members of the public were signed up to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission special called meeting on May 8th, 2024.

Motion to approve the minutes made by Commissioner DasGupta and seconded by Commissioner Pena-Villa. The minutes from (6/12/2024) were approved on a vote of 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. “You’re Being Watched – AI & Surveillance in Public Places” Presentation (Sharon Strover – Director, Technology & Information Policy Institute, Phillip G. Warner Regents Professor of Communication, Moody College of Communications, University of Texas at Austin)

The presentation on the AI & surveillance in public places was delivered by Dr. Sharon Strover and can be viewed at this link: <https://austintx.new.swagit.com/videos/309959>

3. “AI Coding Makerspace: Youth Creating AI Voice Chatbots for Social Justice and other inclusive AI literacy programs” presentation by community digital inclusion organization, Changing Expectations (Dr. Phillip Eaglin, Founder, Changing Expectations)

The presentation on the Changing Expectations AI Coding Makerspace was delivered by Philip Eaglin and can be viewed at this link: <https://austintx.new.swagit.com/videos/309959>

4. Summary report of the digital inclusion town hall listening session for veterans and military families held on 6/1/2024 (Nehemiah Pitts III, Founder, Shining Light Consulting)

The report out on the veteran and military families town hall was delivered by Nehemiah Pitts III and can be viewed at this link: <https://austintx.new.swagit.com/videos/309959>

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Review and approval of 2023 CTTC Annual Report

The commission reviewed the 2023 annual report, which includes comprehensive updates on activities, received briefings, and commission recommendations. The report details ongoing and future-focused initiatives within key digital inclusion fields. Proposed amendments included adding support for community listening sessions as needed to address relevant topics and revising the section on autonomous vehicles to include additional recommendations on testing metrics related to the type of roads used. The commission moved to vote on adopting the report with these amendments included.

Motion to approve the annual report with the mentioned amendments made by Commissioner DasGupta and seconded by vice Chair Alderete. The motion passed on a vote of 7-0.

6. Approval of digital communications enhancements for City of Austin Commissions resolution

Chair Apodaca moved on to approving the communication enhancements for COA commissions recommendation, an initiative spearheaded by Chair Neha from the Economic Prosperity Commission, to update the city's outdated digital communication board used by council members. This platform facilitates transparent communications outside of official meetings, allowing for co-sponsorship requests and collaborations visible to the public. The resolution aims to modernize this message board and make similar technology available to other boards and commissions to streamline their communications. The commission chose to amend the resolution to better reflect current technological partnerships and correct the commission's name.

Motion to approve the recommendation with the mentioned amendments made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner DasGupta. The motion passed on a vote of 7-0.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Approval of a working group to create a recommendation on city surveillance
- Presentation by CoA and Travis County on the Community Digital Needs Assessment
- GTOPs Mini and GTOPs Capacity awardee announcements

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner DasGupta seconded by Commissioner Pena-Villa. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20PM on a vote of 7-0.

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The Minutes were approved at the September 11th, 2024 Meeting on Commissioner DasGupta's Motion and Commissioner Nwajiaku's second with a final vote of 7-0.