Open Government Initiative: Community Perspective

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After much excitement and anticipation, our Open Government efforts are flagging and may be on the brink of failure

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Open Data Portal

Open Gov Datasets by Department/Category

Data portal: data.austintexas.gov
Breakdown by: date created
As of: Wed Aug 28 2013 03:17:07 GMT-0500 (CDT)

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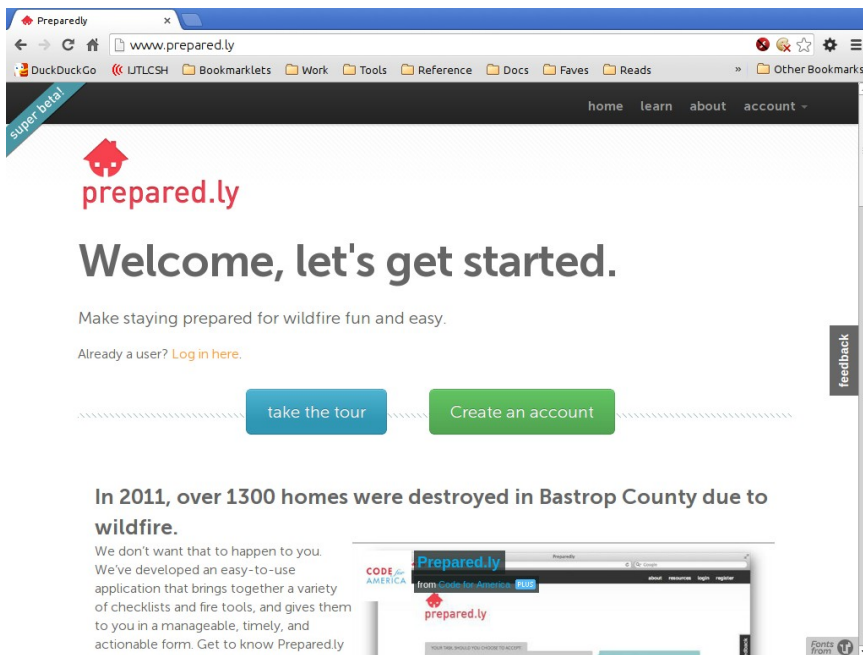
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Communication and Technology Management	1	2	13	2	18
Financial Services	0	9	0	4	13
Parks & Recreaction	0	2	0	0	2
Planning and Development Review	0	2	0	0	2
Watershed Protection	0	1	2	0	3
Public Information Office	0	1	1	0	2
Telecom & Regulatory Affairs	0	1	0	0	1
Austin Energy	0	0	0	10	10
Austin Water Utility	0	0	9	0	9
Austin Police	0	0	1	6	7
Environmental	0	0	0	7	7
Austin Resource Recovery	0	0	0	6	6
Code Compliance	0	0	5	0	5
Health and Human Services	0	0	3	2	5
Other	0	0	2	2	4
Undefined	0	0	0	4	4
Emergency Medical Services	0	0	3	0	3
Neighborhood Housing and Community Development	0	0	0	2	2
Animal Services	0	0	1	1	2
Public Safety	0	0	0	2	2
Public Works	0	0	0	1	1
Government	0	0	0	1	1
Library	0	0	0	1	1
Austin Fire	0	0	0	1	1
Mayor & Council	0	0	1	0	1
Business	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	**1**	**18**	**41**	**53**	**113**

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http://data.open-austin.org/data-catalogs/views/by-department.html
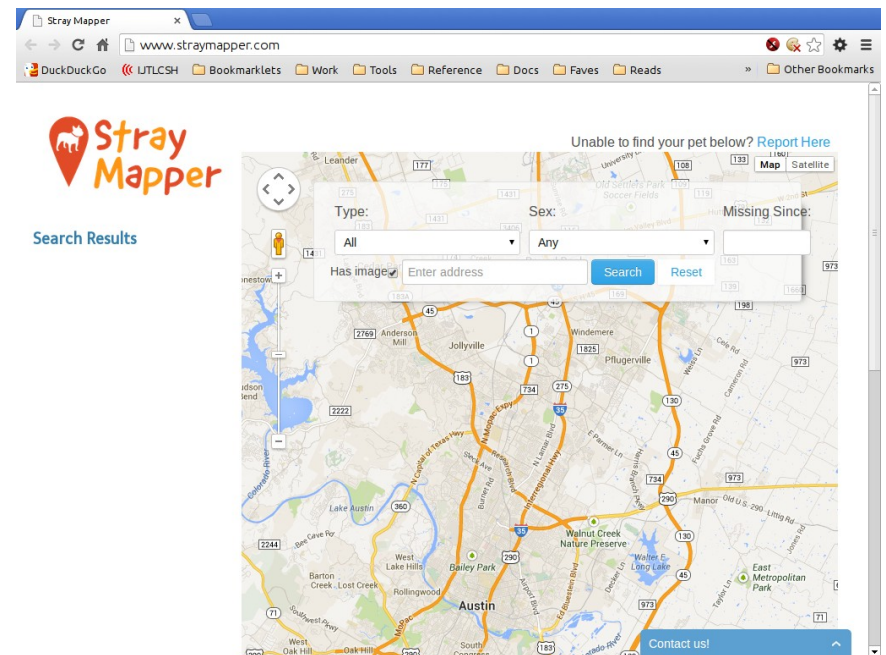
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Open Government Resolution

- Adopted Dec 2011

- Supported by *Open Austin*

- Calls for an *Open Government Framework* with elements:

    – Open Government Directive

    – Funding requirements and implementation timeline

    – Collaborate on national standards for *open data*

    – Report bi-monthly to ETT

- Identifies role for Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission

Office of Civic Innovation

- Proposal presented by *Open Austin* in Aug 2012, to bring leadership focus to open government initiative

- Council approved $250K to pilot program in FY2013

- Community has had opportunity to participate in development of this initiative

- First community contact was at July 2013 CTTC meeting, at conclusion of development phase, to kick-off recruiting effort

- FY2014 budget includes $251K and 2 FTEs for "Innovation Office" in Financial Services – *we're not sure what that means*

- Neither CTTC nor *Open Austin* have endorsed this initiative

The Open Government Directive represents an opportunity to restore forward motion to a stagnant process

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Moving Forward:
Open Gov Framework

- The *Open Government Directive* is just one element of the framework

- Council should be prepared to iterate on *open government* policy

- The *Innovation Office* should play a leadership role in this effort

Moving Forward:
Collaboration and Accountability

- Staff should either open a community role in the process, or ask Council to update the resolution

- Council should clarify if there is a community role in the *Innovation Office* initiative

- ETT should request bi-monthly updates

Moving Forward:
Civic Tech Resources

- CTM needs resources to support civic tech initiatives

- CTTC budget recommendation 20130612-010 proposes some "shovel ready" ideas:

  - Issue Management System

  - Open Data Dashboard

  - Open Data Administrator

  - Civic Software Hosting Platform