



**AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Chiquita Eugene, Chair
Joi Harden
Daryl Horton
Nelson Linder, Vice Chair

LeKisha McKinley
Greg Smith
Dr. Jennifer Wilks

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melodye Foust
Shannon Jones

Dusty McCormick
Beverly Wilson

1. CALL TO ORDER—5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Eugene at 5:50pm.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Mr. Larry Thomas addressed the Commission concerning the 19th Century Legislator's Monument Project stating that there will be an installation done at the State Cemetery on March 30, 2010 at 11:30am.

Mr. Gene Mays addressed the Commission concerning parking issues for businesses on East 12th Street.

Mr. Kenneth Thompson addressed the Commission concerning funding opportunities for the East Austin Youth Foundation.

Mr. Donald Williams addressed the Commission concerning funding for the group Focused Fathers.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 2, 2009 REGULAR MEETING.

The minutes stand as presented with one correction in spelling.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

a. Using an intern to assist with publicizing Commission activities

Commissioner Eugene informed the Commission that she has spoken with Hutson-Tillotson University concerning internships and will be in contact with the University of Texas over the next few weeks.

b. Planning for upcoming events

i. 2010 Community Forum

Arrangements have been made for the services of a City facilitator. The news release was approved. The City Co-Chairs will be present to provide information. Mr. Hopeton Hay will be the guest speaker.

- c. **Setting agenda items for future meetings, including non-substantive housekeeping matters (such as meeting dates, potential topics, and information and research requests for staff)**

The February agenda will include a brief discussion on the Community Forum and a work session on Police & Safety. The Commission would like presentations from the Health & Human Services Dept. and the Parks & Recreation Dept. concerning their social services funding at the March meeting as well as a more in-depth discussion of the outcome of the Jan. 30th Community Forum.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

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