



**AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
WORK SESSION MINUTES
Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Greg Smith
Dr. Jennifer Wilks

STAFF PRESENT:

Jason Alexander
Melodye Foust

Dusty McCormick
Michael McDonald

1. CALL TO ORDER—5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:45pm by Commissioner Eugene.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Lenora Givens addressed the Commission concerning the Eastside Fair.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 6, 2009 REGULAR MEETING.

This item was postponed until the March meeting due to a posting error.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

a. Discussion on Police and Safety Issues in the African American Community with Chief Art Acevedo

Without objection this item was postponed until the March meeting.

b. Discussion on outcome of January 30, 2010 Community Forum

The Commissioners thought the forum format worked well and the speaker was well-informed and gave a good presentation. There was a consensus that participation from the community could have been better and thought that if the event was held annually at the same time each year the event would get better attendance. There is also a need to see the performance measures on the original initiatives.

A motion to hold a Community Forum annually at the end of January was approved on Commissioner Smith's motion, Commissioner Linder's second on a vote of 6-0 with Commissioner McKinley absent.

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 Commissioners would like the following items on the March agenda: the postponed item on discussion of Police & Safety in the African American Community with Chief Art

Acevedo, discussion of placement of bike lanes on streets in East Austin with Public Works, and the reports from the Commissioners on their attendance at other City Boards/Commissions.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

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