



## **AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.**

**Street-Jones Building  
1000 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 400-A  
Austin, Texas 78702  
MEETING MINUTES**

### **COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joi Harden  
Dr. Jennifer Wilks

Greg Smith  
Nelson Linder, Vice Chair

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER—5:30 P.M.**

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

#### **2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Ms. Lisa Byrd addressed the Commission regarding an update of activities in the African American Cultural Heritage District.

#### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 7, 2010 REGULAR MEETINGS.**

The minutes stand as presented.

#### **4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:**

##### **a. Presentation from the Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office on Economic Strategy for FY2010-11**

Mr. Kevin Johns, Director of the Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office presented information to the Commission the economic strategy the City of Austin will be pursuing in the coming year and efforts to reach out to other countries to develop partnerships for economic development.

##### **b. Presentation from Neighborhood Housing & Community Development Dept. concerning current status of programs related to the African American Quality of Life Initiative**

Ms. Margaret Shaw, Director of the Neighborhood Housing & Community Development Department, presented information related to the department's programs and the demographics of the citizens being served by those programs.

##### **c. Update from Neighborhood Housing & Community Development Dept. on the current status of the African American Cultural Heritage facility**

This item was postponed until next meeting.

##### **d. Discussion on outcome of January 30, 2010 Community Forum**

This item was postponed until the next meeting.

##### **e. Reports from Commissioners on attending other Board's and Commission's meetings**

There were no reports.

- f. 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 to have a presentation on the Comprehensive Plan and what outreach strategies they are using to engage the minority populations at the June meeting. The Commissioners would like to have a presentation from the Neighborhood Housing & Community Development Department on their budget at the July meeting.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.