



AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Street-Jones Building

1000 E. 11th Street, Room 400-A

Austin, Texas 78702

MEETING MINUTES

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Chiquita Eugene
Joi Harden
Daryl Horton

LeKisha McKinley
Greg Smith
Nelson Linder

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Matt Dugan
Melodye Foust

Dusty McCormick
Michael McDonald

1. CALL TO ORDER—5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Eugene at 5:40pm.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Mr. Steve Swanson spoke to the Commission regarding the creation of a Community Youth Court that would change the way juvenile offenders are handled in the criminal justice system. Mr. Swanson also informed the Commission about a school district near Houston that has been eliminated by the Texas Education Agency—Kendleton ISD, which was created in the 1800's and is predominately African American.

Mr. Robert Martinez spoke to the Commission in favor of the creation of the Community Youth Court.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 5, 2010 REGULAR MEETINGS.

The minutes stand as presented.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

- a. **Presentation from the Planning & Development Review Dept. on their efforts to engage the minority communities in the development of the Comprehensive Plan (Matthew Dugan, Planning & Development Review Department and Robena Jackson, RJW Group Solutions)**

Mr. Dugan and Ms. Jackson presented the outreach strategy to the Commission along with a timeline for events in the process of the creation of the City's Comprehensive Plan—Imagine Austin.

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

This item was postponed until the next meeting.

c. Reports from Commissioners on attending other Board's and Commission's meetings

There were no reports.

d. 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 Commission would like to have a presentation from the Neighborhood Housing & Community Development Department on their FY 2011 budget and a presentation from Mr. Steve Swanson on the Community Youth Court at the July meeting. The Commission would like to have a presentation on the Meet and Confer process at the August meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.