



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**Wednesday, August 4, 2010**  
**Street-Jones Building**  
**1000 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 400-A**  
**Austin, Texas 78702**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dr. Chiquita Eugene, Chair  
Joi Harden  
Daryl Horton

Nelson Linder, Vice Chair  
Greg Smith  
Dr. Jennifer Wilks

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jason Alexander  
Joe Barnes  
Deven Desai  
Melodye Foust

Sylvia Gonzalez  
Sandra Harkins  
Shannon Jones  
Larry Watts

**1. CALL TO ORDER—5:30 P.M.**

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

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Any speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

There were no speakers.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 14, 2010 REGULAR MEETING AND THE JULY 19, 2010 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING.**

The minutes stand as presented.

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

**a. Presentation on the Meet and Confer process for the City of Austin**

Mr. Larry Watts and Ms. Sylvia Gonzalez of the City of Austin Labor Relations Board made a presentation on the Meet and Confer process used for agreements with the public safety employees which includes police and EMS.

**b. Approval of a Resolution in support of \$2.2M in additional funding for the African American Cultural & Heritage Facility**

Commissioner Eugene recused herself from this item due to a conflict of interest and left the dais.

**A resolution in support of \$2.2M in additional funding for the African American Cultural & Heritage Facility was adopted on Commissioner Smith's motion, Commissioner Wilks second on a 5-0-1 vote with Commissioner Eugene recused.**

**c. Approval of a letter in support of the Community Youth Court**

The Commissioners requested some changes to the letter prior to approval. Approval will be postponed until the September 1, 2010 meeting.

**d. Approve revised bylaws relating to officer terms as directed by City Council in action taken on July 29, 2010 concerning officer terms**

**A motion to approve the amended bylaws was adopted on Commissioner Wilks' motion, Commissioner Harden's second on a vote of 6-0.**

**e. Election of Commission Officers**

**A motion to approve reelection of Commissioner Eugene as Chair and Commissioner Linder as Vice-Chair was adopted on Commissioner Smith's motion, Commissioner Harden's second on a vote of 6-0.**

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

Without objection this item was postponed.

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

There were no reports.

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

For the September meeting the Commission would like to receive a detailed report on the current budget for the construction of the African American Cultural & Heritage Facility (Dedrick-Hamilton House). The Commission will also receive an update from the Art in Public Places staff on the art piece selection process for the facility.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.