



**AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 12, 2011 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

CALL TO ORDER—5:30 P.M.

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

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Mr. Paul McKenzie addressed the Commission concerning educating the public about healthcare insurance policies.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 1, 2010 REGULAR MEETING.

The minutes stand as presented.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Discuss Commission presentation to the City Council which occurred December 9, 2010

Commissioner Linder gave an overview of his briefing to the City Council during which he presented information on changes to African American demographics and poverty rates in Austin.

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

This item was postponed.

c. Discussion and possible action on date and content of Community Forum for 2011

The Community Forum will be either February 19, 2011 or February 26, 2011 depending on availability of a venue.

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

There were no reports as most meetings were cancelled over the holidays.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion and approval of new By-Laws per City Ordinance

A motion to approve the revised Bylaws was approved on Commissioner Smith's motion, Commissioner Horton's second on a vote of 6-0 with Commissioner McKinley absent.

- b. Set 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 receive a presentation on healthcare issues from Shannon Jones, Acting Director of the City's Health & Human Services Dept. and will continue a discussion on logistics for the Community Forum. The Commission will have a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 to discuss and approve a Resolution in support of the African American Youth Resource Center.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.