



**AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING NOTES  
March 2, 2011**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dr. Chiquita Eugene, Chair  
Joi Harden  
Daryl Horton

Nelson Linder, Vice Chair  
Greg Smith

**CALL TO ORDER—5:30 P.M.**

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

There were no speakers.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 12, 2011 REGULAR MEETING AND THE JANUARY 18, 2011 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING.**

The minutes stand as presented.

**3. OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Commissioner Smith has been working with the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department (NHCD) staff on this report. NHCD staff should be ready to present this report at the April meeting, but Commissioner Smith would like to put it on the May agenda as he will not be at the April meeting.

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

The forum will not be held in 2011. The Commission will have a work plan retreat on April 29, 2011 from 9am to 1pm.

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

There were no reports.

**4. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Presentation on healthcare issues (Shannon Jones, Acting Director of Health & Human Services)**

Shannon Jones, Acting Director of the Health & Human Services Department, presented information on the progress of health issues in the African American community. Statistics show death rates starting to improve. Mr. Jones stated

that the Commission could help by means of a resolution to the City Council in support of funding for new programs and by attending the budget hearings.

- 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 Commissioners would like a presentation from the Austin Independent School District on their current budget crisis for the April meeting. The NHCD presentation should be at the May meeting.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.