



**AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING NOTES  
Wednesday, May 4, 2011**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Wayne Cook  
Dr. Chiquita Eugene, Chair  
Joi Harden

Nelson Linder, Co-Chair  
Greg Smith

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Melody Foust  
Rebecca Giello  
Sandra Harkins

ACM Michael McDonald  
Kelly Nichols  
Meghan Turner

**CALL TO ORDER—5:30 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Commissioner Eugene.

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Mr. Adrian Neely informed the Commission that there would be a Special Called meeting of the MBEWBE/Small Business Enterprise Procurement Program Advisory Committee on Tuesday, May 10, 2011.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 6, 2011 REGULAR MEETING.**

The minutes stand as presented.

**3. OLD BUSINESS:**

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

- a. Update on African American Cultural Heritage Facility (Sandra Harkins, Neighborhood Housing & Community Development Department)**

Ms. Harkins presented the architect's rendering of the completed facility.

- b. Presentation of the staff recommendation for the artist and alternate artist for the African American Cultural Heritage Facility Art in Public Places Project (Meghan Turner, Acting Art in Public Places Administrator)**

Ms. Turner discussed the artist selection process for the facility and informed the Commission of the selection of an artist and alternate. Mr. Reginald Charles Adams was selected as the artist and Mr. Forest Young was selected as the alternate.

- c. Commission recommendation of artist and alternate for the African American Cultural Heritage Facility Art In Public Places Project**

A motion to approve the artist and proposed artwork to create an Art in Public Places project for the African American Cultural and Heritage Facility was made by Commissioner Linder, seconded by Commissioner Harden. Approved 4-0 with Commissioner Smith off the dais.

**d. Discussion on outcome of January 30, 2010 Community Forum (Rebecca Giello, Neighborhood Housing & Community Development Department)**

Ms. Giello reported on the success of the Neighborhood Housing & Community Development Dept with their work relating to the African American Quality of Life Initiative. Ms. Giello provided a detailed report to the Commissioners covering initiatives assigned to the Neighborhood Sustainability Committee.

**e. Recommendation to City Council on funding for the African American Youth Resource Center**

A motion to recommend that the City Council direct the City Manager to provide funding in the amount of \$270,000 over three years to support an African American Youth Resource Center was made by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Linder. Approved 4-0 with Commissioner Smith off the dais.

**f. Discussion on outcome of Commission's Retreat held on April 29, 2011**

The Commissioners were pleased with the outcome of the retreat and would like to discuss this item more at the July Commission meeting after receiving some additional data at the May and June meetings.

**g. Reports from Commissioners on attending other Boards' and Commissions' meetings**

There were no reports.

**4. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. 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's June agenda is full, but they would like to set aside the July meeting to discuss the outcome of the April 29, 2011 retreat and prepare a work plan based on the goals discussed at the retreat.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.