



**AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 6, 2011**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Wayne Cook  
Joi Harden

Daryl Horton  
Nelson Linder, Co-Chair

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jason Alexander  
Melodye Foust  
Shannon Jones

Dusty McCormick  
Jeff Travillion

**CALL TO ORDER—5:30 P.M.**

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

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

There were no speakers

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 8, 2011 REGULAR MEETING.**

The minutes stand as presented.

**3. OLD BUSINESS:**

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

There were no reports.

**4. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Presentation on the Black Creative Class Summit, Joah Spearman**

Mr. Spearman spoke about his efforts to create an event to be held in Austin in the spring which would be a nationally advertised event for African Americans in the creative industries. The event would be similar to South by Southwest with a focus on African Americans. Mr. Spearman will return in the fall with more details.

**b. Presentation on the programs of MEEELJ, Inc. (Latreese Cooke, Executive Director)**

Ms. Cooke told the Commission about the creation of Minorities for Equality in Employment, Education, Liberty and Justice, Inc. (MEEELJ, Inc). They provide services for formerly incarcerated individuals that are trying to reenter society. These services can include alcohol awareness for minors, community service opportunities, anger management, substance abuse counseling, job readiness, adult basic education and GED preparation, securing stable housing, etc.

**c. Consider and take possible action on a work plan in support of the Commission's goals for 2011-12**

Without objection this item was postponed until the August meeting.

- d. 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 August agenda will include Item 4-c and a presentation on Census 2010 data postponed from the June meeting due to technical difficulties.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.