



**AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dr. Chiquita Eugene, Chair  
Sherry Cherry  
Wayne Cook  
Clifford Gillard

Daryl Horton  
Nelson Linder, Co-Chair  
Greg Smith

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joe Barnes  
Melodye Foust  
Kathleen Fox

Dusty McCormick  
Garner Stoll

**CALL TO ORDER—5:30 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Commissioner Eugene.

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

There were no speakers.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2011 REGULAR MEETING.**

Without objection this item was postponed until the November meeting.

**3. OLD BUSINESS:**

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

There were no reports.

**4. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Presentation from staff on the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan (Kathleen Fox, Planning & Development Review Dept)**

Mr. Garner Stoll presented information on the creation of the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Stoll stated that the creation of this plan has been ongoing for 2 years and should be ready for presentation to City Council 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2012. There is still time to provide input into the plan as it is presented to the various City boards and commissions. Mr. Stoll stated that African American participation had mirrored that percentage of the population.

Mr. Dave Sullivan, Planning Commission, urged the commissioners to provide input even up until the time the plan goes to Council. All comments are welcome, even late ones.

**b. Election of officers as required by City Ordinance**

**A motion to reelect Commissioner Chiquita Eugene as Chair of the Commission was made by Commissioner Linder; seconded by Commissioner Horton. Vote 7-0.**

**A motion to reelect Commissioner Nelson Linder as Vice Chair of the Commission was made by Commissioner Horton; seconded by Commissioner Smith. Vote 7-0.**

- c. **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 to have presentations on the African American homeless population from a representative of the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH), a presentation on the East 11<sup>th</sup> & East 12<sup>th</sup> Street Revitalization from Neighborhood Housing & Community Development (including information on 12<sup>th</sup> Street as an African American Business District, grandfathering of property taxes, a campaign to get African Americans to move back to the area, and recruitment of certain types of businesses that would be useful to the community residents such as a rehab center, doctors, dentists, etc.), and a presentation on police presence in the schools. The commission reached a consensus agreement to return the meetings to the Street Jones Building at 1000 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.