



**AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Daryl Horton
Nelson Linder, Co-Chair
Greg Smith

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gina Copic
Melodye Foust
Rebecca Giello

Sandra Harkins
Dusty McCormick
Michael McDonald

CALL TO ORDER—5:30 P.M.

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

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Adrian Lipscombe and Eileen Schaubert spoke about a cycling event occurring the weekend of February 23-26, 2012 at Huston-Tillotson University. This is an event sponsored by the National Brotherhood of Cycling and a local minority cycling club, Austin's Major Taylor Club. The event encourages minorities to become involved in cycling, but is open to all.

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

The minutes stand as presented.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Report from Working Group concerning information request to Austin Convention and Visitor's Bureau

A draft letter was presented to the Commission and was approved with minor changes.

b. Report from Working Group on photographs requested by artist for African American Cultural & Heritage Facility

A draft list of names for the photographs was presented to the commission. The Working Group will attend two more community meetings in February to add to the list.

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

Commissioner Smith attended the Urban Renewal Board meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Presentation on Revitalization Plan for E. 11th St. & E. 12th St. (Rebecca Giello and Sandra Harkins, Neighborhood Housing & Community Development Dept)

Rebecca Giello, Gina Copic, and Sandra Harkins presented the draft plan which will be presented to the City Council for approval in March.

- b. Presentation on East End Relay Festival to coincide with Texas Relays (Marlah Neal and Ronnie Walker)**

Without objection this item was postponed until the February meeting.

- 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 February meeting will include a presentation from the Health & Human Service Dept on their programs for the homeless and the demographics of the individuals served. The Commissioners would also like to hear from Shannon Jones concerning the efforts to address issues at the intersection of 12th Street & Chicon.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.