



**AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, October 3, 2012 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:

Melodye Foust

Dusty McCormick

CALL TO ORDER—5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:45pm by Commissioner Eugene.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Mr. Mark Adleman spoke concerning the Austin Area Urban League Guild. Mr. Adleman stated that the Guild had been reenacted at the last national conference.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2012 REGULAR MEETING.

The minutes stand as presented

3. OLD BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Gillard presented the findings of the working group. Commissioners Smith and Gillard will work to create a resolution based on the findings.

b. Follow up on Presentation on work with African American health and mental health issues (Commissioner Sherry Cherry)

Commissioner Cherry reported that a public service announcement for airing on Channel 6 is in the works and would like to invite all the Commissioners to take part. Commissioners Smith and Cherry will work to involve Shannon Jones, Deputy Director of the City's Health & Human Services Department so that efforts are not duplicated.

c. Follow up on Presentation on Khan Academy (Commissioner Sherry Cherry)

Commissioner Cherry reported that the Khan Academy methods are being used by the African American Youth Harvest Foundation in their after-school tutoring classes. The Foundation will provide statistics to the Commission in January to show if this method is helping their students.

d. Reports from Commissioners on attending meetings of other City Boards and Commissions

There were no reports.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Election of officers for FY 2013

A motion to elect Commissioner Nelson Linder as Chair of the Commission was made by Commissioner Eugene; seconded by Commissioner Gillard. Vote 7-0.

A motion to elect Commissioner Gregory Smith as Vice Chair of the Commission was made by Commissioner Linder; seconded by Commissioner Cook. Vote 7-0.

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)

For the November meeting the Commission would like to receive a presentation on the Colony Park Master Plan from Neighborhood Housing & Community Development, a presentation from King Davis of the University of Texas on mental health issues, and an update on the Turner-Roberts Recreation Center from the Parks & Recreation Department.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.