



**AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 7, 2012**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Nelson Linder, Chair  
Sherry Cherry  
Wayne Cook

Daryl Horton  
Greg Smith, Vice Chair

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sharon Aguilar  
Regina Copic  
Patrick Corona  
Melodye Foust

Sandra Harkins  
Dusty McCormick  
Zachary Stern

**CALL TO ORDER—5:30 P.M.**

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

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Mr. Adrian Neely addressed the Commission concerning contracts with the Small Business Development Program encouraging the commissioners to keep requesting answers. Mr. Neely also spoke about the new Art in Public Places mural at the Dedrick-Hamilton House (African American Cultural & Heritage Facility) stating that the mural does a good job of capturing the past and present of the community.

**2. Approval of the minutes from the OCTOBER 3, 2012 Regular Meeting**

The minutes stand as presented.

**3. Report on Turner-Roberts Recreation Center (Patrick Corona and Sharon Aguilar, Parks & Recreation Department)**

Mr. Patrick Corona and Ms. Sharon Aguilar reported on the progress at the Turner-Roberts Recreation Center. Mr. Corona gave an overview of the process of determining what the problems were and how they were addressed. The facility is being rebuilt to take into consideration the geology of the site. An additional facility was constructed for use during the rebuilding of the Recreation Center. The new Multi-Purpose Facility has a gym that can be divided into two spaces and a commercial kitchen facility. Ms. Aguilar reported that all of the programming that is normally run from the Turner-Roberts facility has continued at other facilities with the Parks & Recreation Department providing free transportation to the other facilities.

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

Commissioner Smith reported that the working group had a successful meeting with Mr. Bob Lander and Ms. Jennifer Walker from the Austin Convention and Visitor's Bureau (ACVB). ACVB continues to work to attract more conventions from African American organizations and to attract more African American tourism.

**5. Update on the Colony Park Sustainable Community Initiative (Zach Stearn, Neighborhood Housing & Community Development Department)**

Mr. Zach Stern from the Neighborhood Housing & Community Development Department provided an overview of the area to be included in the planning process and how it is currently utilized. Mr. Stern also told the commission that he would appreciate any ideas on outreach to the community.

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

There were no reports.

**7. Approval of schedule of meetings for 2013**

The schedule was approved.

**8. 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 a presentation from the Austin Area Urban League on their programs to address affordable housing and an update from the Neighborhood Housing & Community Development Dept. on the African American Cultural & Heritage Facility for the December meeting.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.