



**AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 6, 2013**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Nelson Linder, Chair  
Sherry Cherry  
Wayne Cook  
Dr. Chiquita Eugene

Clifford Gillard  
Daryl Horton  
Greg Smith, Vice Chair

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Roxanne Evans  
Melodye Foust

Stephanie Hayden  
Shannon Jones

**CALL TO ORDER—5:30 P.M.**

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

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Ms. Terri Williams introduced her son, Darrell Nix, to the Commissioners. Mr. Darrell Nix addressed the Commission, stating that he is working on his last few badges in order to become an Eagle Scout with Troup 19.

Rev. Joseph Collins addressed the Commission concerning the National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS.

Ms. Roxanne Evans introduced herself to the Commission as the new Executive Assistant to Deputy City Manager Michael McDonald. Ms. Evans will be working with the Commission on Mr. McDonald's behalf.

**2. Approval of the minutes from the February 6, 2013 Regular Meeting**

The minutes stand as presented with the addition of the names of the lead Commissioners to Item 6.

**3. Presentation: Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant Initiative for Rosewood Neighborhood (Eileen Schrandt and Sandra Winston, Housing Authority of the City of Austin)**

Ms. Eileen Schrandt and Ms. Sandra Winston spoke to the Commissioners about the planning grant for Rosewood Courts. Rosewood Courts is currently 73 years old and is in need of repair and maintenance to bring it up to date and into code compliance. This grant will allow the Housing Authority to prepare a plan to renovate the development and bring it up to code.

**4. Update from the Working Group on Health and Mental Health Issues (Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Cherry)**

Ms. Angela Vickrey with Austin Recovery and Ms. Louise Lynch of Austin Travis County Integral Care provided information on co-occurring disorders in the African American community, providing statistics on demographics and some of their outreach strategies.

**5. Approve 2012 Report to City Council**

A motion to approve the Commission's 2012 Annual Internal Review was made by Commissioner Smith; seconded by Commissioner Cook. Vote 7-0.

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

There were no reports.

**7. 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 Travis County Health which will be arranged by Commissioner Linder; a presentation on parking from the Planning & Development Review Dept. and the Transportation Dept., and a presentation from Austin Independent School District on the May 2013 Bond Election.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.