



**AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
NOTICE OF COMMISSION MEETING**

Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

**Street-Jones Building
1000 E. 11th Street, Room 400-A
Austin, Texas 78702**

CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Greg Smith, Chair
Sherry Cherry
Wayne Cook
Dr. Chiquita Eugene

Clifford Gillard
Daryl Horton, Vice Chair
Nelson Linder

CALL TO ORDER—5:30 P.M.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Any speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

THERE MAY BE DISCUSSION ON ANY OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

2. Approval of the minutes from the October 2, 2013 Regular Meeting

3. Updates from Working Groups

- a. Small Business/Parking Issues on E. 11th & E. 12th Streets
- b. Photograph Selection for Mural
- c. Health and Mental Health
- d. Public Safety

4. Presentation: Current and proposed activities of the African American Cultural Heritage District (Lisa Byrd, Staff; Harold McMillan, Director, Board of Directors; and Adrian Neely, Chair, Board of Directors—African American Cultural Heritage District)

5. Discussion and Action: Commission Recommendation for the City Council to provide financial support for :

- a. Designation of key city-owned vacant properties specifically along the all-crucial 11th & 12th Street corridors as “African American Cultural Heritage District-critical”;
- b. Initiation of a moratorium in which the sale of any City-owned properties within the African American Cultural Heritage District “critical zone” require first a review of the proposed purchase by the African American Resource Advisory Commission to determine if the intended use of the property aligns with its location and significance within the African American Cultural Heritage District;
- c. Offer financial incentives and technical support to the few remaining African American businesses and venues within the African American Cultural Heritage District so that there is real accountability to the City’s promise/mission to meet the needs set forth in the African American Quality of Life Initiative; and
- d. Identify viable ways to attract, nurture and maintain local African American businesses within the African American Cultural Heritage District

6. Discussion and Action: Approval of Commission meeting dates for 2014



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- 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)**
- 8. Adjournment**

For additional information on the African American Resource Advisory Commission, contact Melodye Foust, Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office, (512)974-7819.

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