



## **AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION SPECIAL CALLED COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**April 30, 2014**

### **COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

Clifford Gillard  
Daryl Horton, Vice Chair  
Nelson Linder

### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joe Barnes  
Roxanne Evans  
Melodye Foust

Shannon Jones  
Pamela Larsen

### **CALL TO ORDER—5:30 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:37pm by Commissioner Smith.

### **1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Ms. Pamela Larsen, Planning & Development Review Department, informed the Commissioners about an event being held on May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> at the Street-Jones Building on affordable housing.

Mr. Gene Mays spoke about inadequate representation of East Austin on the City Council and a need for the City to invest in infrastructure in East Austin.

Ms. Sharita Ambrose spoke to the Commissioners concerning the Texas Black Women's Initiative which provides information on how HIV/AIDS affects the population of women in the African American community.

### **2. Discussion and Possible Action:      Selection of a date for the unveiling of Phase 2 of the Art in Public Places Project at the African American Cultural & Heritage Facility**

Monday, June 9, 2014 was selected as the date for the ceremony for the unveiling of the Phase 2 photographic tiles.

### **3. Discussion and Possible Action:      Annual selection and placement process for honoring community individuals and the number of portraits per year to be installed at the Art in Public Places Project at the African American Cultural & Heritage Facility**

Late January or early February was chosen as the time when the annual ceremony will be held.

### **4. Discussion and Possible Action:      Recommendation to the City Council on funding to alleviate inequities in the African American Community**

**A motion to postpone this item to the June 4, 2014 meeting failed on a vote of 2-3.**

**A motion to approve the recommendation on the allocation of funding to alleviate the inequities in the African American Community was made by Commissioner Smith; seconded by Commissioner Linder. Vote 4-2-1 with Commissioner Eugene off the dais.**

**5. Presentation: Police Academy Training Curriculum (Lt. Joseph Michalewicz, Austin Police Department Training Academy)**

Lt. Joseph Michalewicz of the Austin Police Department Training Academy presented elements of the curriculum used to instruct cadets. Lt. Michalewicz stated that there are many components to the training including cultural sensitivity, community policing, profiling, vehicular and foot pursuit, and use of deadly force.

**6. Updates from Working Groups**

**a. Small Business/Parking Issues on E. 11<sup>th</sup> & E. 12<sup>th</sup> Streets**

The group stated that Gordon Derr in Austin Transportation has been unresponsive to requests for a follow-up meeting. This will be pursued through DCM McDonald's office.

**b. Photograph Selection for Mural**

There is nothing additional to report at this time.

**c. Health and Mental Health**

There is nothing to report at this time.

**d. Public Safety**

There is nothing additional to report at this time.

**e. AAQL/Human Rights Commission**

There is nothing additional to report at this time.

**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)**

For the June meeting Commissioner Linder would like copies for all the Commissioners of the last five years' annual reports to the City Council. For the June agenda, there will be a discussion of continuation of a partnership with SXSW, Inc.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.