



**AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 10, 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  
Dusty McCormick

**CALL TO ORDER—5:30 P.M.**

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

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

There were no speakers.

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

**2. Approval of the minutes from the August 6, 2014 Regular Meeting**

The minutes stand as presented.

**3. Presentation: Overview of services provided by the Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce (Natalie Cofield, President and Ashton Cumberbatch, Board Chair)**

Ms. Natalie Cofield presented information about the recent change of name for the Chamber stating that the new name more accurately reflected the Chamber's role in global recruitment. Ms. Cofield stated that the mission of the Chamber is to promote African American business and to encourage African Americans to stay in Austin or to relocate to Austin. The Chamber's current market is African and Brazil. Ms. Cofield also spoke about the current location of their offices which doesn't seem to be adequate space.

**4. Presentation: Overview of services provided by the Austin Area Black Contractors Association (Carol Hadnot, Contract Manager/Consultant, Austin Area Black Contractors Association)**

Ms. Carol Hadnot provided an overview of the services provided by the Austin Area Black Contractors Association which includes encouraging African American contractors to become certified minority contractors with the City's Small and Minority Business Resources Department, and to maintain that certification. The AABCA also assist with resumes and business plans to help the contractors with bonding and banking applications. The AABCA also has a website that publishes City solicitations, has a calendar of events and a newsletter.

**5. Approval of the number of individuals to be honored annually with a tile on the mural or benches at the African American Cultural & Heritage Facility**

The number of individuals to be honored will remain at up to two per year.

6. Discussion and possible action on process for fabrication of tiles and deadline for applications for individuals to be honored at the African American Cultural & Heritage Facility

A motion to put a standing item on the Commission's agenda which will allow members of the community to present nominations at every meeting except December and for the Working Group for Photograph Selection for the Mural to meet in November to vote on the nominations and for the whole Commission to vote at the December meeting annually to select the year's nominees was made by Commissioner Eugene; seconded by Commissioner Linder. Vote 7-0.

7. Updates from Working Groups
  - a. Small Business/Parking Issues on E. 11<sup>th</sup> & E. 12<sup>th</sup> Streets
  - b. Photograph Selection for Mural
  - c. Health and Mental Health
  - d. Public Safety

There were no reports from the Working Groups.

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)

For the October agenda the Commissioners would like a presentation on the bond election, specifically the current alignment plan for light rail, a discussion on space for the Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce, and the possibility for expansion of the African American Cultural and Heritage Facility.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.