



**AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
April 1, 2015**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daryl Horton, Chair
Sherry Cherry, Vice Chair
Dr. Chiquita Eugene

Clifford Gillard
Nelson Linder
Greg Smith

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Laura Esparza
Melodye Foust
Dusty McCormick

D'Anne Williams
Beverly Wilson

CALL TO ORDER—5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Commissioner Horton.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Mr. Jonathan Clark and Mr. Floyd Henry addressed the Commission concerning an after school program with a focus on fine arts.

2. Community Nominations of Individuals to be considered for inclusion in the Art in Public Places Project at the African American Cultural and Heritage Facility

There were no nominations.

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

3. Approval of the minutes from the January 7, 2015 and March 4, 2015 Regular Meetings

The minutes stand as presented.

4. Briefing: The installation of the Juneteenth Memorial Project at the George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center (Laura Esparza, Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department; Bernadette Phifer, Curator and Program Manager, Parks and Recreation Department)

Ms. Laura Esparza and Ms. D'Anne Williams presented the plan for installation of the Juneteenth Memorial Project at the George Washington Carver Museum.

5. Presentation: An introduction to Ballet Afrique Contemporary Dance Company (China Smith, Founding Executive Director)

Ms. China Smith presented information on Ballet Afrique Contemporary Dance Company including their current space requirements.

6. Discussion and Possible Action: Changes to Ordinance 20141211-204 which deals with City Boards and Commissions

Commissioner Gillard and Commissioner Cherry presented their changes. There was no action taken.

7. Updates from Working Groups

a. Small Business/Parking Issues on E. 11th & E. 12th Streets

The Working Group will be meeting with the Zoning Department as this is a code issue.

b. Photograph Selection for Mural

There are some concerns about placement of the tiles.

c. Health and Mental Health

There was no report.

d. Public Safety

There was no report.

e. Expansion of Carver

There was no report.

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 May agenda there will be a Carver presentation, a presentation from Mr. Clark & Mr. Henry on the after school program, a presentation from the People's Task Force, and a presentation from Travis County Central Health.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.