



**AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
May 6, 2015**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Clifford Gillard
Nelson Linder
Greg Smith

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melodye Foust
Erica Leak
Beverly Wilson

Kazique Prince
Anthony Snipes

CALL TO ORDER—5:30 P.M.

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

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Dr. Katrina Hicks addressed the Commission concerning a new pre-Kindergarten school that she has started.

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

Mr. Alex Porter presented a nomination for Mr. W. Astor Kirk.

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

3. Approval of the minutes from the April 1, 2015 Regular Meeting

The minutes stand as presented.

4. Briefing: Reuse and redevelopment planning for Central Health Brackenridge Campus (Caitlin Gooch, Hahn Communications)

Ms. Claudia Harrington and Mr. Juan Garza presented the current plan for the redevelopment of the Central Health Brackenridge Campus that will be done in conjunction with the development of the University of Texas at Austin Medical School.

5. Briefing: Process for developing the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Action Plan, which will outline Austin's priorities for utilizing federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Mr. Jim Padilla and Ms. Erica Leak presented the process for the development of the FY2015-16 HUD Action Plan.

6. Presentation: Culturally Inclusive Fine Arts for Children Program (Floyd Henry and Jonathan Clark)

Without objection this item was postponed to the June 3rd meeting of the Commission.

7. Discussion and Possible Action: Review and Approval of Annual Report to Council for 2014

There was a request to staff to double-check that the word "education" is not part of the Commission's Mission Statement.

A motion to approve the Commission's 2014 Annual Report to Council was made by Commissioner Smith; seconded by Commissioner Linder. Vote 6-0.

8. Updates from Working Groups

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

There was no report

b. Photograph Selection for Mural

There was no report.

c. Health and Mental Health

There was no report.

d. Public Safety

Commissioner Linder attended a meeting on civil liberties regarding body cameras for Austin Police Officers.

e. Expansion of Carver

The team met and came up with a list of individuals that they would like to have join the project. A staff report from Laura Esparza was distributed.

9. 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 June there will be a presentation on the African American Scorecard by City Demographer, Ryan Robinson; the postponed presentation on Culturally Inclusive Fine Arts for Children; a presentation on the budget of the City's Health & Human Services Department; and the Commission's top priorities for the HUD Action Plan and the \$15million request to City Council for African American Quality of Life.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.