



**AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
October 7, 2015**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jessica Faith Carter
Aaron Demerson
Dr. Chiquita Eugene
Clifford Gillard
Daryl Horton, Chair

Garfield Landry
Nelson Linder
Michael M. Lee, Esquire
Kenneth Thompson
Aaron Whatley

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Trinh Bartlett
Melodye Foust
Dusty McCormick

Francis Reilly
Jesse Rodriguez

CALL TO ORDER—5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:50pm by Commissioner Horton.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

There were no speakers.

2. Community Nominations of Individuals to be considered for inclusion in the *Reflections* Mural 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. Briefing: FY2016 Budget Items relating to African American Quality of Life (Council Member Ora Houston)

Without objection this item was postponed to the December agenda.

4. Approval of the minutes from the September 2, 2015 Regular Meeting

The minutes stand as presented with minor changes noted by Commissioner Gillard.

5. Briefing: Vision Zero Task Force: Formed to research and recommend opportunities to achieve zero deaths and zero serious injuries in the transportation system (Francis Reilly, Planning Department)

Mr. Francis Reilly with the Planning Department made a presentation on the Vision Zero Task Force recommendations. Mr. Reilly stated that the purpose behind the task force is to reduce traffic fatalities in Austin.

6. Discussion and Possible Action: Commission By-Laws and necessary changes to the current By-Laws

This item was postponed to the November agenda.

7. Discussion and Possible Action: Nominations for additional Commission appointments and possible recommendation to Council

This item was postponed.

8. Action: Approval of 2016 Commission Meeting Dates

A motion to approve the 2016 Commission Meeting Calendar was made by Commissioner Gillard; seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Vote 9-0 with Commissioner Landry off the dais.

9. Discussion and Possible Action: Establish Working Groups and Possible Assignments
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. Commissioner Landry joined this Working Group.

d. Public Safety

Commissioner Linder reported that he had attended the Council Committee for Public Safety meeting which discussed the use of body cameras by the Austin Police Department.

e. Expansion of Carver

There was no report.

f. Prepare Priority List for FY2016 Budget

This Working Group was disbanded.

10. 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 their upcoming meetings the Commission would like to have presentations on solar power and weatherization from Austin Energy, Community Land Trust from Neighborhood Housing & Community Development, and African American demographics by the City Demographer. Commissioner Gillard stated that a representative from South by Southwest had contacted him and would like to make a presentation on opportunities for badges.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.