



African American Resources Advisory Commission

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

The African American Resources Advisory Commission convened in a meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at Travis County Precinct 1 Constable's Office at 4717 Heflin Lane, Suite 127 in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Chair Daryl Horton.

African American Resources Advisory Commissioners:

Present: Chair Daryl Horton, Vice Chair Chiquita Eugene, LaTisha Anderson, Jessica Faith Carter, Aaron Demerson, Clifford Gillard, Tam Hawkins, Marissa Jones, Michael Lee, Ruthie Redmond, Greg Smith, Kenneth Thompson, and Aaron Whatley.

Absent: Nelson Linder (excused), Lisa Fritsch

City Staff in Attendance: Economic Development Department (EDD) Assistant Director Sylnovia Holt-Rabb, Andre Ewing, Councilmember Houston's Office, and EDD Development Services Administrator and Liaison Linda Hayes.

1. Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes of the December 7, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously following a motion by Commissioner Gillard, seconded by Commissioner Lee.

2. Citizen Communication:

None.

3. Presentations:

- a. Jordan Smith, Community Involvement Director at Capital Metro made a presentation regarding the bus stop at the southeast corner of 12th and Chicon. The bus stop was enhanced in 2003 with wayfinding information which has not been maintained and has fallen into disrepair. Cap Metro seeks to rehabilitate the bus stop, so Ms. Jordan met with staff from the City's Art in Public Places Program who made recommendations regarding art that requires little or no upkeep and maintenance. There will be a community meeting February 7 to determine what kind of art the community would like to see at the bus stop.
- b. Ray Baray, Chief of Staff at the City of Austin oversees Special Events Office and made a presentation regarding the City's investment in the Urban Music Fest (UMF). There are two sources of funding for the 12th annual UMF in 2017. One is a \$75,000 competitive grant from the City's Cultural Heritage Festivals Program. \$56,000 of this funding has already been provided, and the rest will be paid after the City receives a final report on the UMF. The other funding is a credit of \$26,000 approved by City Council following a recommendation from this Commission. This credit will be applied to permitting fees, which are anticipated to total approximately \$43,000, so UMF will be asked to pay approximately \$17,000. The City co-sponsors certain events following approval by the City Council to waive all fees associated with the event. UMF is not a City-co-sponsored event.
- c. Dr. Chiquita Eugene repeated her request for Commissioners to search their packets to look for the mural packet she provided for review at the November meeting.

4. Working Groups

- a. Small Business/Parking Issues on E. 11th & E. 12th Streets – No update



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- b. Health and Mental Health - No update
- c. Public Safety - No update
- d. Solar and Economic – The working group is partnering with ARA and the Sierra Club, and exploring AKON.
- e. Youth and Education - Taking AISD administrators to tour Circuit of the Americas (COTA) to explore STEM partnerships
- f. Visitor Impact Task Force – Commissioner Gillard reported on the City's recently-created Visitor Impact Task Force, which was formed to determine how to spend Hotel Occupancy Tax funds received by the City. Commissioner Gillard would like each QOL commission to be represented. The Task Force will make a presentation to the Commission at an upcoming meeting.
- g. Changes to By-Laws and Commission Membership – Commissioner Lee plans to make a presentation at the next Commission meeting.
- h. Feasibility and Budget Committee has not met.

5. Old Business:

None

6. New Business:

None

7. Commission and Staff Updates

None

8. Future Agenda Items:

- a. CodeNext
- b. Austin Convention and Visitor's Bureau – Tom Noonan, President and CEO (February 7th, 2017)
- c. Visitor Impact Task Force
- d. Presentation on Carver Library Expansion -- Laura Esparza (PARD)
- e. Parkland Task Force
- f. Government Relations Office presentation regarding upcoming legislation

7. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned following a motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Anderson.