



African American Resources Advisory Commission

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

The African American Resources Advisory Commission convened in a meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at the Travis County Precinct 1 Conference Room, 4717 Heflin Lane in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Chair Kenneth Thompson.

African American Resources Advisory Commissioners:

Present: Chair Kenneth Thompson, LaTisha Anderson, Jessica Faith Carter, Miriam Conner, Aaron Demerson, Vice Chair Chiquita Eugene, Clifford Gillard, Tam Hawkins, Marissa Jones, Nelson Lindner, Farah Muscadin, and Gregory Smith

Absent: Daryl Horton and Ruthie Redmond

City Staff in Attendance: Assistant City Manager Mark Washington, EDD Development Services Administrator and Liaison Linda Hayes, EDD Small Business Program Manager Vicky Valdez, and TJ Owens Program Manager I.

1. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the August 8 regular meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Gillard, seconded by Commissioner Muscadin.

2. Chair's Report:

Chair Thompson presented the Three Commissions Budget Resolution which was created by the chairs of the Asian, Hispanic and African American Resource Advisory Commissions who met with staff from the Mayor's office. Chair Thompson also met with Six Square, the Carver Museum and the Solar and Economic Working Group.

3. Citizen Communication:

- a. Alvan Angell spoke about the Spectrum Theater Company and invited Commissioners to support the Young Adult Monologue Competition On September 30th at the Millennium Youth Entertainment Complex.

4. Presentations:

- a. Austin Energy Customer Assistance Program (CAP): Austin Energy's Chief Customer and Compliance Officer Kerry Overton, Customer Assistance Manager Ronnie Mendoza, and Customer Care VP Jerry Galvan gave a presentation based on the questions provided by Commissioner Anderson. The presentation included information about the CAP and Mr. Overton invited Commissioners to attend the Community Connections – Getting You Plugged In to City Resources event at Dobie Middle School on Saturday, September 30, 2017 from 11:30 am to 4:00 pm.
- b. Measure Austin Community Policing: Meme Styles, President and Founder of Measure Austin invited the commission to the Big Data & Community Policing Conference 2017 – Implementing The National Blueprint on October 26 – 28, 2017 at Carver Museum Theatre, 1165 Angelina Street.

5. Working Groups:

- a. Mural:
- b. Health and Mental Health:



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- c. Public Safety:
- d. Solar and Economic:
- e. Youth and Education: No update
- f. Urban Music/Other Cultural Activities:
- g. By-laws: No update
- h. Budget and Feasibility

6. Old Business:

- a. The Commission Retreat will be facilitated by Brion Oaks. Possible dates are October 6, 7 or 14 at a location to be determined.

7. Staff Briefing

- a. Liaison Roles and Responsibilities Overview: Postponed until next meeting

8. Future Agenda Items:

- a. Bethany Christian Church (Commissioners Gillard, Muscadin)
- b. Chapter 380 Resolution - David Colligan, Global Business Recruitment & Expansion Division Manager, EDD (Commissioners Thompson, Anderson)
- c. Soul-y Austin – Nicole Klepadlo, Redevelopment Project Manager, EDD
- d. Presentation about budget

9. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Thompson.