



African American Resources Advisory Commission MINUTES

**MEETING
WEDNESDAY, February 3, 2016**

The African American Resources Advisory Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at City Hall 301 West 2nd Street, Conference Room 2029 in Austin, Texas.

African American Resources Advisory Commissioners in Attendance: LaTisha Anderson, Jessica Faith Carter, Aaron Demerson, Chiquita Eugene, Clifford Gillard, Daryl Horton, Garfield Landry, Michael Lee, Nelson Linder, Kenneth Thompson. Absent: Aaron Whatley

City Staff in Attendance:

Council Member Ora Houston, Interim Assistant City Manager Mark Washington, Economic & Business Development Liaison Dusty McCormick, Council Member Houston's Executive Assistant Beverly Wilson, City Clerk Jannette Goodall, and Economic Development Staff Liaison Linda Hayes.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the January 13, 2016 meeting were approved with one correction: Commissioner Garfield Landry noted that there is an error on the second page of the draft minutes: the word "approve" should be "approved".

1. Citizen Communication:

Mike Manor, Quality Assurance Program Administrator at Travis County Health and Human Services, and Veterans Service Chair of the Travis County Sheriff's Building Bridges Program, provided information concerning Building Bridges Continuous Quality Improvement, and working on an action plan with the NAACP to take over the Town Hall Meeting with the Build a Bridge Volunteer to do workshops for the commission.

Greg Smith, President of Austin Revitalization Authority spoke about concern in the community regarding the derogatory map that was used in a presentation by an Austin Transportation Department employee, and minority concerns pertaining to the Council Meeting February 4, 2016 concerning the 360 performance evaluation for appointed officials.

2. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Housing Authority for the City of Austin Choice Neighborhood Program-Rosewood Update

- b. Housing Authority for the City of Austin Choice Neighborhood Program- Rosewood Update: Eileen Schrandt of the Housing Authority presented on the Rosewood Grant implementation and how it will work for the Rosewood Choice Project.
- c. Steve Sadowsky from the Landmark Commission presented on a historic home in East Austin that a new survey can help protect from destruction. The information gained from the new survey process will proactively provide culturally significant information concerning homes in the East Austin community.
- d. City Clerk Jannette Goodall presented on Board and Commission Responsibilities, and maintaining decorum in City meetings.

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and Possible Action: Selection of member to serve on Joint Inclusion Committee
Garfield Landry elected - unanimous vote
- b. Discussion and Possible Action: Selection of member to serve on Joint Cultural Committee
Aaron Whatley elected - unanimous vote
- c. Discussion and Possible Action: Election of Commission Vice Chair
Commissioners Chiquita Eugene and Michael Lee were nominated from the floor.

Votes Commissioner Eugene - 8

Commissioner Lee – 3

Commissioner Eugene is the Vice Chair

4. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1. March Meeting
 - a. Austin Energy representative on a discussion about Solar Karen Poff for the seniors in East Austin (requested by Commissioner Kenneth Thompson)
 - b. Ryan Robinson presentation on the Demographics of the City
 - c. Rosewood Report: Fred McGhee
 - d. Workforce
 - e. Retreat discussion

2. April Meeting

- a. AISD Report of the Educational Excellence Report 2014
- b. Transportation Maps for East Austin
- c. City Budget

Commissioner Horton thanked staff for providing refreshments for the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned and Commissioners sang “Happy Birthday” to Commissioner Garfield Landry.