



# African American Resources Advisory Commission

## MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday July 2, 2019

The African American Resources Advisory Commission convened in a meeting on Tuesday, July 2, in the Executive Session Conference Room of City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 5:48 pm by Greg Smith

### **African American Resources Advisory Commissioners:**

**Present:** Chair Daryl Horton Nelson Linder, Miriam Conner, Greg Smith, Elaine Fowler, Volma Overton III, Dr. Chiquita Eugene, Cherelle Vanbrakle, and Jessica Faith Carter

**Absent:** Tam Hawkins, Clifford Gillard, Marissa Jones, Aaliyah Noble, and Elton Randel

**City Staff in Attendance:** City Council Member District 1 Natasha Harper- Madison, Assistant City Manager Christopher Shorter, Economic Development Department (EDD) Acting Deputy Director Sylnovia Holt-Rabb, and Liaison Linda Hayes.

### **1. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the May 7, 2019 regular meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously following a motion by Commissioner Linder, seconded by Commissioner Conner and Commissioner Fowler. Minutes approved

### **2. Citizen Communication:**

- a. Carry Hogan Tran situational Ministry the Community- discussion on the mission for the community
- b. James Bradley same ministry discuss the avenues the ministry has to offer  
Commission Linder spoke on behalf of the NAACP and the support of the organization.
- c. Regina Dupre discuss the homeless

- 3. Emergency Election for Chair** – nomination from Dr. Eugene for Greg Smith  
nomination from Commissioner Conner for Daryl Horton – nomination was close on those two names. Motion made by Commissioner Dr. Eugene for Commissioner Greg Smith. Commissioner Conner 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Flower. The nomination was close by Commissioner Conner and Commissioner Linder. 1 Vote by Commissioner Dr. Eugene for Commissioner Greg Smith. 8 Votes for Commissioner Horton - Greg Smith, Volma Overton, III, Cherelle Vanbrakle, Miriam Conner, Jessica Faith Carter, Elaina Fowler, Nelson Linger and Daryl Horton. Commissioner Horton is the Chair.

### **4. Presentations:**

- a. **Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison** – discussion on the events that she is bringing to the community. Skee-ball event and the Full Circle Bar talking about District 1 issues. Brief discussion on naming part of Airport Blvd. to Richard Overton Blvd. Council Member asked the Commissioners to attend the Town Hall meeting on July 30<sup>th</sup> at Carver Library. Discussion on code next
- b. **Christine Hassell of the Sobering Center** – Discussion on opening up a center at Givens Park.
- c. **Chas Moore** - Discussion on Police Racial Profile Report asking the Commissioners to pass a resolution to make the City Manager do his job.



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### 5. WORKING GROUPS – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- The Chair called on each working group and no updates were discussed. A suggestion was made to review the working groups to ensure each one is still needed.
  - a. Budgets
  - b. Photograph Selection for Mural
  - c. Health and Mental Health
  - d. Public Safety
  - e. Expansion of the Carver Complex
  - f. Solar and Economic
  - g. Youth and Education
  - h. Urban Music/Other Cultural Activities
  - i. Affordable Housing and Equitable Planning Group

6. **Adjournment:** 8:30 p.m. with Commissioner Dr. Eugene motioned and 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Conner