



# African American Resources Advisory Commission

## MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday August 6, 2019

The African American Resources Advisory Commission convened in a meeting on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, in the Executive Session Conference Room of City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 5:43 p.m. by Chair Daryl Horton

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

**Present:** Chair Daryl Horton, Marissa Jones, Nelson Linder, Miriam Conner, Greg Smith, Volma Overton III, Dr. Chiquita Eugene, Cherelle Vanbrakle, Clifford Gillard, Aaliyah Noble, and Elton Randel

**Absent:** Tam Hawkins, and Elaine Fowler

**City Staff in Attendance:** Assistant City Manager Christopher Shorter, Economic Development Department (EDD) Acting Deputy Director Sylvania Holt-Rabb, Equity Office Liaison Joshua Robinson, and (EDD) Staff Liaison Linda Hayes.

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

The July 2, 2019 regular meeting minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously following a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Conner. Minutes approved.

### **2. Citizen Communication**

- a. Melissa Alvarado - Heritage Preservation
- b. Nitakwna Barrett Community Driven Initiative from UT School of Nursing.
- c. Joel Myer – Austin Transportation Department Speed Management Survey request for Commission to do the survey and invite there district to participate in the survey also
- d. Jose Uriago – discussion on Black economic development policy to help the community
- e. Victor Reed – discussion about the community of the City of Austin
- f. Laura Esparza – update about the Carver Library also recruiting search for a new Manager. On September 16<sup>th</sup> meet the candidate with be at the Carver. Commissioners would like for come back and be on the agenda for presentations.
- g. Jerica Hokaday – update about grand opening on August 15<sup>th</sup>

### **3. Presentations:**

- a. **Ryan Robinson – COA Demographer Updates -**
  - Commissioners has requested for Mr. Robinson to come back in November and present additional data.
- b. **Jacqueline Miller Update –**
  - Snap Shot on the training
- c. **City of Austin Human Resource Manager – Joya Hayes**
  - Update on employment pertaining the hiring African Americans in house and new employees to the City of Austin
- d. **Indeed Outreach Ministry – Kerry Hogan**
  - Overview on the program and the Ministry
  - Marshall Jackson also gave overview on his vision for the program
  - Jackie Canady discuss the finances of the organizations pertaining to about of \$25,000.00 will help the program to help the homeless in Austin
- e. **Urban Music Festival Homer Hill – Festival update**
  - Low sponsorships
  - Ticket sales down for the Saturday event



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- Weather problems
- Comparison concerns to SXSW
- Request for 100% fee waive
- Request of list of permits
- f. **Joshua Robinson Liaison of the Equity Office –**
  - Discussion on equity climate control for the fall 2019 to the spring on 2020

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

- a. Budgets -
- b. Photograph Selection for Mural – Set a date for Mr. Evans Mural
- c. Health and Mental Health – Resolution for the Harvest Foundation – motion by Commissioner Conner – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Gillard motion carried
- 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

#### 5. Announcement –

Cultural Art Division is having a panel discussion on how to do a arts festival

6. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Jones, motion passed meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.