



African American Resources Advisory Commission

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 1 2019

The African American Resources Advisory Commission convened in a meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 in the Executive Session Room in City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:48 pm by Vice Chair Marissa Jones

African American Resources Advisory Commissioners:

Present: Chair Daryl Horton, Vice Chair Marissa Jones, Greg Smith, Elton Randel, Nelson Linder, Marissa Jones, Clifford Gillard, Tam Hawkins, Dr. Chiquita Eugene, and Volma Overton, III

Absent: Miriam Conner, Aaliyah Noble, Elaina Fowler

City Staff in Attendance: Sylnovia Holt-Rabb, Acting Deputy Director, Economic Development Department (EDD), Vicky Valdez, Small Business Program Division Manager, Dusty McCormick, Economic and Business Development Liaison, kYmbery Keaton, Community Archivist & Librarian, and Joshua Robinson, Commission Liaison.

1. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes The minutes of the August 6, 2019 regular meeting were approved unanimously following a motion by Commissioner Gillard, seconded by Commissioner Linder

Approval of Minutes The minutes of the September 3, 2019 regular meeting were approved unanimously following a motion by Commissioner Gillard, seconded by Commissioner Linder

2. Citizen Communication:

- a. Meredith Powell – EastLink Trail - Austin Parks Foundation
- b. Kerri Adams – Carver Museum & Cultural Center

3. Presentations:

- a. **Michael Gerber, President & CEO Housing Authority of the City of Austin and Sylvia Blanco COO Housing Authority of the City of Austin** – Briefing on the renovations/improvements of Chalmers Courts, and the announcement of the Thursday, November 7 grand opening. The Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) provided details on the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. HACA discussed details of the Resident Protection Team, and the specific protections the residents have access to.
- b. **kYmbery Keaton, M.L.S., African American Community Archivist & Librarian Austin** – Provided details on keynote speakers, panels, workshops, tours, and Austin archives for the African American City-Wide Genealogy Conference. The conference will be from January 31 – February 2, 2020 at the Austin Central Library.
- c. **T.J. Owens, Facility Director & Program Manager African-American Cultural & Heritage Facility City of Austin Economic Development Department** – Provided update on the facility and data on increased hour's usage. The facility has worked to increase community impact by forging partnerships, community engagements events, and increased social media & marketing campaigns.
- d. **Working Groups – Discussion And Possible Action – Working Group Restructure**
 - a. Economic Opportunity and Affordability – No update
 - b. Mobility – No update
 - c. Safety – No update



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- d. Health and Environment – No Update
- e. Culture and Life Long Learning – No update
- f. Health and Environment
- g. Government That Works for All - Recommended Tam Hawkins to score Equity Mini Grant Applications
- h. Urban Music/Other Cultural Activities

4. Special Presentation, The African American Community Alliance Community Update – Discussion and Possible Action

- a. The Austin Revitalization Authority – Greg Smith, President
- Report on the Golf Tournament and preparing for Eastside Studio Tour
- b. The Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce – Tam Hawkins, President and CEO
-No Update
- c. The Baptist Minister Union – Rev. Daryl Horton, President
- Presentation about “Communities of Faith on the Eastside.”
- d. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People – Nelson Lender, President
- NAACP Centennial Banquet on Saturday, December 7.
- e. The Austin Area Urban League – Quincy Dunlap, President and CEO
- Reported on the Austin Area Urban League Gala and upcoming Golf Tournament
- f. Cultural Arts – Clifford Gillard
- Hotel Occupancy Tax

5. Future Agenda Items

- Austin Public Health Department - Director Stephanie Hayden
- Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) – Rosewood Apartments Presentation
- Austin Transportation Department – Mobility Bonds
- Boys & Girls Club of Austin Area
- Retreat Dates

6. Announcements

- No Announcements

Commissioner Horton adjourned meeting at 7:54