



# African American Resources Advisory Commission

## MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

The African American Resources Advisory Commission convened in a meeting on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 in the Executive Session Room in City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by President Horton

### **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, Elaina Fowler, Miriam Conner, and Cherelle Vanbrakle

**Absent:** Volma Overton, III, Aaliyah Noble, Elton Randel,

**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, Joshua Robinson, Commission Liaison, and (EDD) Staff and Liaison Linda Hayes

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

Approval of Minutes The minutes of the October 1, 2019 regular meeting were approved unanimously following a motion by Commissioner Gillard, seconded by Commissioner Vanbrakle

### **2. Citizen Communication: None**

### **3. Presentations:**

- a. **Fred Lee Field Director – Discovery Service Team – Exploring, STEM, and Waterloo District [Discovery Service Area – Boy Scouts of America –** Briefing on what the Program is about he provides status on the percentage of 145 Blacks and 67 5 Hispanics are a part of the program. He discuss the STEM pertaining of the grade levels starting 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- b. **Jessie Files, Partnership Specialist Dallas Reginal Census/Field Division Denver U.S. Census Bureau–** Provided details information about the value of the census and how all households need to accurate of the accountability of the families living in the residence.
- c. **Annick Beaudet, AICP – Assistant Director Austin Transportation Department – Land Development Code Issues -** Discuss land development codes, residential subdivision zoning changes, rapid growth and the difference with the old neighborhoods.
- d. **Stephanie Y. Hayden, LMSW - Director City of Austin Pubic Health –** provided update on Programs to Address Disparities – the update was on how the program impacted the African American Community, potential gaps in service and provided update data for the commission. Provide update on the faith-based and neighborhood initiatives.
- e. **Working Groups – Discussion And Possible Action – Working Group Restructure**
  - a. Economic Opportunity and Affordability – No update
  - b. Mobility – No update
  - c. Safety – No update
  - d. Health and Environment – No Update
  - e. Culture and Life Long Learning – No update
  - f. Health and Environment



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- 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 – No Update
- b. The Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce – Tam Hawkins, President and CEO -No Update
- c. The Baptist Minister Union – Rev. Daryl Horton, President – No Update
- 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 – No Update
- f. Cultural Arts – Clifford Gillard – No Update

#### **5. Future Agenda Items**

- Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) – Rosewood Apartments Presentation

#### **6. Announcements**

- No Announcements

**Commissioner Smith and Vice Chair Jones 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourned meeting at 8:00 pm**