



African American Resources Advisory Commission

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 3, 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 5:50 pm by President Horton

African American Resources Advisory Commissioners:

Present: Chair Daryl Horton, Vice Chair Marissa Jones, Greg Smith, Nelson Linder, Clifford Gillard, Dr. Chiquita Eugene, Miriam Conner, Cherelle Vanbrakle, Rashida Wright

Absent: Volma Overton, III, Aaliyah Noble, Elton Randel, Tam Hawkins, Elaina Fowler, and Ellen Sweet

City Staff in Attendance: Sylnovia Holt-Rabb, Deputy Director, Economic Development Department (EDD), Dusty McCormick, Economic and Business Development Liaison, Joshua Robinson, Equity Office, and (EDD) Staff and Liaison Linda Hayes

1. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes The minutes of the November 5, 2019 regular meeting were approved unanimously following a motion by Commissioner Conner, seconded by Commissioner Dr. Eugene

2. Citizen Communication: None

3. Presentations:

a. **kYmberly Keaton, M.L.S., African American Community Archivist & Liberian Austin History Center/Austin Public Library-Growing Your Root the Inaugural African Genealogy Conference Area** –Brief commission on the conference and requested for the commissioner to be more visual at the conference and other meeting conducted.

b. **Early Childhood Council and Success By 6 Strategic Plan – Cathy McHorse Bice President for Greater Austin** Provided details information about the program for early childhood and requested that a commissioner would come and sit on the board to assist the program.

c. **Melissa Ayala** - Update on the Waterloo Greenway.

4. Working Groups – Discussion and Possible Action – Working Group Restructure

- Economic Opportunity and Affordability – No update
- Mobility – Recommendation for Commissioner Linder, Commissioner Conner, and Commissioner Gillard will prepare as a result of the United Way Success by Six Square presentation, with hopes it will become a joint recommendation supported by other commissions.
- Safety – No update- Commissioner Conner added
- Health and Environment – No Update
- Culture and Life Long Learning Health and Environment – No update
- Government That Works for All – No update
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a. Joint Inclusion Commission – Commissioner Clifford Gillard and Alternative Miriam Conner

b. Commission Retreat - January 10th 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Location TBD by Staff

c. Approval of FY 20 Meeting Calendar



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6. Discussion and Possible Action –

- a. The Austin Revitalization Authority – Greg Smith, President – East Studio Tours
- b. The Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce – Tam Hawkins, President and CEO
-No Update- Absent
- c. The Baptist Minister Union – Rev. Daryl Horton, President – Chair Horton presented on clergy emphasis for 2020 Census and encouraged commissioners to participate in CCC through Council Member Harper-Madison's Office. Chair Horton and Commissioner Conner will attend the Regional Census Conference in Galveston
- 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 – Oakwood Cemetery and East Studio Tours

7. Future Agenda Items

- Music Commission Chair-Update on Liver Music Fund; Cultural Arts Division Consultant Update; Homeless Update; Garreett Gross – Austin Community College AP; and Dr. Stephanie Hawley; Housing Authority of City of Austin-Rosewood Apartment Update

8. Announcements

- Neil Whetstone from Council Member Harper-Madison about the press conference and will present next meeting. Chair Horton ask Neil to remind us of dates and time for the CCC training.

Commissioner Smith and Vice Chair Jones 2nd to adjourned meeting at 8:00 pm