



African American Resources Advisory Commission

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

The African American Resources Advisory Commission convened in a meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 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, Greg Smith, Nelson Linder, Clifford Gillard, Dr. Chiquita Eugene, Miriam Conner, Cherelle Vanbrakle, Rashida Wright, Volma Overton, III, Elaina Fowler, and I Vacant

Absent: Aaliyah Noble, Elton Randel, Tam Hawkins, and Ellen Sweet

City Staff in Attendance: Assistant City Manager Christopher Shorter, Sylnovia Holt-Rabb, Deputy Director, Economic Development Department (EDD), Vicky Valdez Division Manager of Small Business, 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 December 3, 2019 regular meeting were approved unanimously following a motion by Commissioner Gillard, seconded by Commissioner Vanbrakle

2. Citizen Communication:

- a. David King – Petition the Commissioners about affordable housing
- b. Jerry Breckenridge Human Rights Commission – AISD
- c. Shana Hebert – All Black Women in the DJ world

3. Presentations:

Council Member Harper- Madison – Update from District 1 – Goads need affordability unlock to help people to build affordable housing - Airport Blvd part of the street name after Richard Overton Blvd – Addressing mental in the Black Community – Parent friendly work place – People experiencing homelessness – D Wood Foundation - Historical Land Marker for Mr. Overton's House

- a. **Preston Petty – Homelessness Coalition** – Youth experiencing homelessness – 40% are African American stemming from foster care and juvenile system and completing a questionnaire figuring out the youth's life on earth – SPARK
- b. **Tarik Daniels** – Mirror Update – Mental data base of color – moving from mental health to mental wellness – anti bullying campaign – Fashion hair show around self-esteem and self-love – POP UP around trans women of color – press release pertaining to transformation grant queer on mental health and HIV – HIV issues in the South – Art Festival in the works
- c. **Gavin Garcia and Rick Carney Live Music Fund Updates** – Discussion on the hotel occupancy taxes – discussion on how the African American Commission need to be more involve with the Music World in the city of Austin.



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

- Economic Opportunity and Affordability
- Mobility
- Safety
- Health and Environment
- Culture and Life Long Learning Health and Environment
- Government That Works for All

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 –
- d. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People – Nelson Lender, President
- e. The Austin Area Urban League – Quincy Dunlap, President and CEO – No Update
- f. Cultural Arts – Clifford Gillard – ~~Oakwood Cemetery and East Studio Tours~~

Chair Horton requested for all Working Group who will act a Leads for the working group submit the names to Linda Hayes please.

Chair Horton inform the commission that Vice Chair Jones is no longer apart of the commission the commission will elect a new vice chair at the retreat

7. Future Agenda Items

- Garreett Gross – Austin Community College AP; and Dr. Stephanie Hawley; Housing Authority of City of Austin-Rosewood Apartment Update

8. Announcements

Commissioner Dr. Eugene and Commissioner Conner 2nd to adjourned meeting at 7:53 pm