



African American Resources Advisory Commission

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

The African American Resources Advisory Commission convened in a meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 in the Executive Session Room in City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:46 pm by President Horton

African American Resources Advisory Commissioners:

Present: Chair Daryl Horton, Clifford Gillard, Dr. Chiquita Eugene, Miriam Conner, Cherelle Vanbrakle, Rashida Wright, Volma Overton, III, and Elton Randel

Absent: Aaliyah Noble, Greg Smith, Nelson Linder, Elaina Fowler, Tam Hawkins, Ellen Sweet, and AAUL Vacant

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, Joshua Robinson, Quality of Life Commission Liaison, Equity Office, Dusty McCormick, Economic and Business Development Liaison, and (EDD) Staff and Liaison Linda Hayes

Citizen Communication:

Michael Ward – discussion on AUTM which means The Austin Urban Technology Movement. It's a non-profit organization that bridges the gap between the Black, Brown, and Latinx communities and the technology industry through job placement, career development, and networking opportunities. That is the mission statement for AUTM. He would like to put out a training that will assist people the tech system and connect with ages starting with K-12 and adults. With this information Chair Horton requested for Mr. Ward to present at the April Commission meeting so if Commissioners have questions about his organization.

1. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes The minutes of the February 4, 2020 regular meeting were approved unanimously following a motion by Commissioner Gillard, seconded by Commissioner Vanbrakle.

- 2. Presentations:** Chair Horton asked the Commissioners to adjust the agenda to move 2.d up first because Council Member Casar had another meeting to attend the Chair Horton made the motion Commissioner Gillard and Commissioner 2nd Chair call for the vote and it was a unanimous. Motion carried.

d. Council Member Greg Casar District 4 – St. Johns Property Disposition Overview-

Council Member Casar discuss with the commission about the plan bring back the minorities to St. John to fix the problem with the empty buildings of Home Depot and the Car Lot. The community want a market, a park and better bus service. Council Members provide a plan, a lay out what he sees that might work, his request was Commissioner to attend April 23rd council meeting and attend the March 9th community meeting.

a. Jackie Nirenberg Project Connect – Capital Metro Green Line – Discussion about

Capital Metro Staff their recommendation to the Community about Project Connect. Jackie provide information pertaining to the 2 new electric busses and will get 11 more regular buses. In addition to it will also be getting ride shares in 6 neighborhoods including Manor. Project Connect is currently working on 2 transit lanes just for buses and provided information about their next board on March 9th.



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- b. **Chas Moore – Founder of The Austin Coalition (AJC)** – Discussion of Racial Profiling as for the community for example the Cedar Street incident problem. The Police Oversight and the Equity Office has more detail information than the Austin Police Department. Race is not rack in the Austin Police Department report. The coalition agree with the Police Oversight Office report. Chas stated his concerns on the comparison of the traffic stops with minorities.
- c. **City of Austin Summer Youth Program** – Dr. Chiquita Eugene – Youth/Family Outreach Administrator COA – Austin Health Department – Dr. Eugene step away from the dais recurse herself from agenda item #2c. her presentation about the summer youth program and how this program has help young be throughout the school districts.

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

- a. Economic Opportunity and Affordability - none
- b. Mobility –
- c. Safety - None
- d. Health and Environment – none
- e. Culture and Lifelong Learning Health and Environment –
- f. Government That Works for All

6. Discussion and Possible Action –

- a. The Austin Revitalization Authority – Greg Smith, President –
- 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
- b. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People – Nelson Lender, President - Nelson Lender, President –
- e. The Austin Area Urban League – Quincy Dunlap, President and CEO – No Update
- f. Cultural Arts – Clifford Gillard –

7. Future Agenda Items

- Dr. Stephanie Hawley; Housing Authority of City of Austin-Rosewood Apartment Update

8. Announcements

Commissioner Smith and Dr. Eugene



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