



# African American Resources Advisory Commission

## MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 4, 2020

The African American Resources Advisory Commission convened in a meeting on Tuesday, May 4, 2020 virtual meeting. 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, Greg Smith, Nelson Linder, and Elaina Fowler

**Absent:** Aaliyah Noble, Tam Hawkins, Ellen Sweet, Volma Overton, III, and Elton Randel and AAUL Vacant

**City Staff in Attendance:** Sylvania Holt-Rabb, Deputy Director, Economic Development Department (EDD), and Joshua Robinson, Quality of Life Commission Liaison, Equity Office

### Citizen Communication:

#### 1. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes – April minutes were unavailable.

**2. Presentations: Michael Ward** – Discussion on The Austin Urban Technology Movement [AUTM]. 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.

#### 3. Working Groups - Discussion and Possible Action

##### a. Safety –

- i. Commissioner Linder requested the commission to draft a letter from the commission in support of Austin Coalition. Vice-Chair Conner and Commissioner Gillard requested support for the Austin Coalition letter. Angelica with Hispanic Quality of Life confirmed her support.

##### b. Economic Opportunity and Affordability –

- i. Recommendation from the previous meeting for review Family Independence Initiative [FII] drafted a letter. – Chas Moore with Austin Coalition presented a draft letter to commission for review.
  - a) Commissioner Gillard to approve the recommendation and asking each commissioner to sign the letter to support the letter and the commission to sign the letter 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chair Conner. The motion did not pass.
    - 1) Commissioner Gillard – for
    - 2) Vice Chair Conner – for
    - 3) Commissioner Vanbrakle – for
    - 4) Commissioner Wright – for
    - 5) Commissioner Linder – against
    - 6) Commissioner Eugene – against
    - 7) Commissioner Fowler – against



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- 8) Chair Horton – against
  - 9) Commissioner Smith – abstain

- ii. Fair Chance Housing Resolution is under 1<sup>st</sup> review by commission.
  - a) Motion to approve by 1<sup>st</sup> by Vice-Chair Connor and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Linder & Commissioner Smith
  - b) Dr. Eugene recuse
  - c) Council Member Harper-Madison motioned to support
  - d) Resolution to have more food made available
- Review Resolution Creative Art Space and Music Commission recommendation
  - a) Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> by Vice Chair Conner and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Vanbrakle 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - b) Commissioner Gillard recused himself
- iii. Health and Environment – No Action
- iv. Culture and Lifelong Learning Health and Environment – No Action
- v. Government That Works for All – No Action

#### **4. Special Presentation, The African American Community Alliance Community Update – 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
- c. The Baptist Minister Union – Rev. Daryl Horton, President – Chair Horton
- d. 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
- g. Mobility – No discussion to date.

#### **5. Future Agenda Items - None**

#### **6. Announcements - None**



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### Adjournment:

- i. 1<sup>st</sup> by Commissioner Smith and, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Eugene

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