



African American Resources Advisory Commission

MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2022

The African American Resources Advisory Commission convened in a meeting on Tuesday, **May 7, 2022**, at the **City of Austin Permitting and Development Center**, the meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Chair Horton. **African American Resources Advisory Commissioners:**

Present: Chair Daryl Horton, Vice-Chair Elaina Fowler, Roger Davis, Cherelle Vanbrakle, Mueni Rudd, Rashida Wright, Nelson Linder, Greg Smith, Clifford Gillard, and Serita Fontanesi **2 Vacant.**

Absent: Dr. Chiquita Eugene, Ellen Sweet, and Quincy Dunlap

City Staff in Attendance: Sylnovia Holt-Rabb Deputy Director Economic, Dusty McCormick Economic and Business Development Liaison, and Linda Hayes Commission Liaison of Economic Development Department

CALL TO ORDER – at 5:45 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION – Miriam Conner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 19, 2022, motion for approval by Commissioner Davis., second by Commissioner Smith.

2. SPECIAL PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **Vivent Health AIDS Services of Austin-**
Provide update on the merge with the national health care system for HIV. Told the commission about the update for shelter, medical concerns, and housing. Gave a briefing on AIDS services for the future
- b. **OFCOLOR on our Black Art WKND (BAW)** Steven Hachett Founder Director- Provided and update on the event that will happen in June invited the Commissioners to the event, wanted to have it before the Juneteenth activities
- c. **I-35 Capital Express Central** – Aesthetics Project TxDOT – Frances Jordan discusses the update on the cross over discuss the black that will put on the wall of the walkway. Gave tentative date when project will happen. The commissioner provide suggestion to the Ms. Jordan on what they would see happen with the project.
- d. **Jody McIntosh** - FUSE Executive Fellow working within Travis County Health & Human Services – provide the update the black community is the lowest in getting the vaccine request. The commissioners gave suggestions to Ms. McIntosh to set up a booth at the Juneteenth events,

3. **POSTPONED TO MAY MEETING - POSSIBLE ACTION** - Voting on Commission Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Elaina Fowler unopposed - voting status 10 for – 3 absent 2 vacant

Vice Chair Cherelle Vanbrakle unopposed - voting status 10 for – 3 absent 2 vacant

Commissioner Wright suggested for the Joint Inclusion Committee be added to agenda item#5 to report to the commission



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4. WORKING GROUPS

- a. Safety
- b. Economic Opportunity and Affordability
- c. Health and Environment
- d. Culture and Lifelong Learning
- e. Government That Works for All

5. 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 – Roger Davis Member
- c. The Baptist Minister Union – Rev. Daryl Horton, President
- d. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People - Discuss a resolution he wants the commission to consider.
- e. The Austin Area Urban League – Quincy Dunlap, President and CEO
- f. Cultural Arts – Clifford Gillard

6. Future Agenda Items

7. Announcements -

Adjournment

- a. Motion by Davis and second by Commissioner Greg Smith

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