



AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting – August 1, 2023, 5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

City of Austin Permitting and Development Center

6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr.

Austin, Texas 78752

AGENDA

Some members of the Commission may be participating via videoconference. All public comments will occur at the beginning of the meeting. Public comment will be allowed in person or via telephone. Remote speakers must register in advance by Noon July 31st: Call or email Board Liaison Linda Hayes at 512-974-6282 or lindak.hayes@austintexas.gov, and provide the speaker's name; item number(s) they wish to speak on, and whether they are for/against/neutral; email address and telephone number (must be the same number that will be used to call into the meeting).

CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS

Elaina Fowler, Chair (District 10)

Daryl Horton, (Appointee)

Mueni Rudd (District 2)

Dr. Chiquita Eugene (District 5)

Serita Fontanesi (District 7)

Joi Harden (District 9)

Greg Smith (ARA Appointee)

Cherelle Vanbrakle Vice Chair (District 4)

Dewi Smith (District 1)

Anthony Jackson (District 3)

Vacant (District 6)

Antonio Ross (District 8)

***Vacant** (AAUL Appointee)*

Nelson Linder (NAACP Appointee)

Roger Davis (GABC Appointee)

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CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

The first 10 speakers who have registered to speak before 12:00 noon on July 31st will be allowed three minutes to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 6th meeting minutes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

1. Presentation by **City of Austin Police Department Assistant Chief Gizette Gaslin of the South Bureau** concerning the partnership with the Texas Department of Public Safety to assist with traffic stops and crime in the city.
2. Discussion and Possible Action on a recommendation by **Joyce James, Consultant for the City of Austin Police Department** pertaining to equity throughout the department for the community.
3. Presentation by **Harv'e Franks and Daniela Silva**, discuss endorsing the Community Investment Budget and requesting the Commission to consider endorsing the Community Investment Budget.
4. Presentation by **Chris Harris of the Austin Coalition** Based on recent community listening sessions about the DPS initial and upcoming deployment in Austin, an overview of key learnings, general timeline, and potential asks of AARAC.
5. Discussion and Possible Action on a Recommendation to council by **Sue Spears of the Bethany Cemetery Association** of Austin asking the commission support for the cemetery.

WORKING GROUPS AND ASSIGNMENTS DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

6. Safety – Recommendation on being safe in our home, at work and in our African American Community
7. Economic Opportunity and Affordability – Recommendation on having economic opportunities and resources that enable us to thrive in our African American community.
8. Health and Environment – Recommendations on enjoying a sustainable environment and a healthy life, physically and mentally, as an African American
9. Culture and Lifelong Learning – Recommendations on being enriched by Austin's unique civic, cultural, ethnic, and learning opportunities for African Americans
10. Government That Works for All – Recommendations on believing the city government works effectively and collaboratively for all of us - that it is equitable, ethical, and innovative for African Americans

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

11. The Austin Revitalization Authority – Greg Smith, President
12. The Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce – Roger Davis Member
13. The Baptist Minister Union – Rev. Daryl Horton, President
14. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People-Nelson Linder, President
15. The Austin Area Urban League –
16. Cultural Arts –
17. Joint Inclusion Committee –Serita Fontanesi and Antonio Ross
18. Texas Relays Committee – Greg Smith and Daryl Horton

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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