



African American Resources Advisory Commission

MEETING MINUTES

Jun 6, 2023

The African American Resources Advisory Commission convened in a meeting on Tuesday, **June 6, 2023**, at the **City of Austin Permitting and Development Center**. The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by Chair Fowler attended the meeting virtually.

African American Resources Advisory Commissioners:

Present: Chair Elaina Fowler, Vice-Chair Cherelle Vanbrakle, Daryl Horton, Dr. Chiquita Eugene, Greg Smith, Roger Davis, Dewi Smith, Nelson Linder, Mueni Rudd, Serita Fontanesi, Joi Harden, and Antonio Ross

Absent: Quincy Dunlap,

Vacancies: 2

City Staff in Attendance: Assistant City Manager Stephanie Howard-Hayden, Sylnovia Holt-Rabb Director of Economic Development, Business Development Liaison Dusty McCormick, and Economic Development Department Commission Liaison Linda Hayes

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

Zenobia Joseph present to the commission legislation pertaining to education at the Texas Capital meeting session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of the regular meeting on **April 4th and May 2nd** were approved following a motion by Commissioner Dewi Smith with the corrections made to the minutes. It was seconded by Commissioner Daryl Horton

SPECIAL PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

2. Discussion and Possible Action on a Recommendation to Council regarding his plans as Interim City Manager. **Jesus Garza - City of Austin** the Interim City Manager discussed his plans to assist the city to make sure the community has everything that is needed as in informing the community immediately what 's going in each district.
3. Discussion and Possible Action on a Recommendation to Council regarding last year's activities and discuss its core mission for Six Square. By **Pamela Owens of Six Square {Didn't attend meeting}**
4. Discussion and Possible Action on a Recommendation to Council regarding the follow-up: from TX Black Legacy Fund reception and provide future events for the following year. - **Michael Whellan** of the ADL [Anti-Defamation League] Let the commission know about what is needed from the commission to assist in the safety for the community
5. Discussion and Possible Action on a Recommendation to Council regarding Austin Transit Light Rail summary update of FY23-24 **Yannis Banks – Public Involvement Manager, Light Rail, Austin Transit Partnership**
6. Discussion and Possible Action on a Recommendation to Council regarding Mission Accomplished and its impact on the Black Community by **Ebonie Trice** told the commissioner how and when she reaches out to the community about washing the homeless clothes and gave them the location and what is needed for her perform this task. Currently she is experiencing locations with the water resources.
7. Discussion and Possible Action on a Recommendation to Council regarding **Commissioners** voting on primary and alternate representatives to the Joint Inclusion Committee the commissioners voted in favor of Serita Fontanesi, the primary and António Ross as the alternate



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WORKING GROUPS

8. Safety – Being safe in our home, at work and in our African American Community
9. Economic Opportunity and Affordability - Having economic opportunities and resources that enable us to thrive in our African American community.
10. Health and Environment – Enjoying a sustainable environment and a healthy life, physically and mentally as an African American
11. Culture and Lifelong Learning – Being enrich by Austin's unique civic, cultural, ethnic, and learning opportunities for African Americans
12. Government That Works for All – Believing the city government works effectively and collaboratively for of us -that it is equitable, ethnical, and innovative as an African American

SPECIAL PRESENTATION, THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE COMMUNITY UPDATE – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

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

Future Agenda Items

Announcements

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m. following a motion by Commissioner Smith was seconded by Fontanesi.

The minutes were approved at the 8/1/2023 meeting on Nelson Linders's motion, Greg Smith second on a 6/0 vote.

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