



**Special CALLED MEETING of the AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY  
COMMISSION**

**November 28, 2023, at 5:30 pm.**

**City of Austin Permitting and Development Center  
6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr.  
Room 1401/1402  
Austin, Texas 78752**

Some African American Resource Advisory Commission members may be participating by videoconference. An audio meeting recording will be available online on the board commission's page twenty-four hours after the meeting ends.

Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely via telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once, in-person or remotely, and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration no later than noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation by telephone.

To register to speak remotely, call or email Florinda Bryant at 512.974.2715 [florinda.bryant@austintexas.gov](mailto:florinda.bryant@austintexas.gov).

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## **AGENDA**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

The first ten speakers signed up before the start of the meeting will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the African American Resource Advisory Commission, Regular Meeting on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

2. **Laura Esparza**, Division Manager, and **Carre Adams**, Museum Director & Curator will provide a review of FY23 activities and update the commission on FY24 activities. Appreciation for the commission is also extended for its advocacy in requesting deserved dollars for the Carver Museum.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

3. **Martha Langford**, Senior Participant at Gus Garcia Senior Program, will share a presentation about the programming at Gus Garcia Recreation Center. They will also ask for support to have PARD recognize the need for a Senior Special Use Building on site of existing land at the park.

### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

4. Colony Park PUD update and approve letter of support.
5. Approve the 2024 Commission meeting dates.
6. Vote on the nomination of Alexander Porter for the mural installation at the African American Cultural & Heritage Facility.
7. Discussion and vote on a recommendation for the City Council to call for a Gaza cease-fire, aligned with the resolution set forth by the Austin Human Rights Commission.
8. Discuss and approve dates for Strategic Planning work.

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