



African American Resources Advisory Commission

MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2022

The African American Resources Advisory Commission convened in a meeting on Tuesday, **December 6, 2022**, at the **City of Austin Permitting and Development Center**. The meeting was called to order at 5:48 p.m. by Vice Chair Vanbrakle.

African American Resources Advisory Commissioners:

Present: Vice-Chair Cherelle Vanbrakle, Daryl Horton, Dr. Chiquita Eugene, Greg Smith, Roger Davis, Clifford Gillard, Mueni Rudd, Serita Fontanesi, Dewi Smith, and Joi Harden

Absent: Nelson Linder, Chair Elaina Fowler, Quincy Dunlap, Rashida Wright,

Vacancies: 1

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

CALL TO ORDER by Vice Chair Vanbrakle at 5 48 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of the regular meeting on December 6, 2022, were approved following a motion by Commissioner Davis which was seconded by Commissioner Dewi Smith

SPECIAL PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

2. **Michael Lofton President/CEO/Founder** – African American Youth Harvest Foundation – provided an update on the Foundation and thank the Commissioner for the support
3. **Brie Franco Intergovernmental Relations Officer** gave update government relations
4. **Florinda Bryant Program Coordinator**, African American Cultural & Heritage Facility Cultural Art Division COA Economic Development Department - updated on the facility and update on her process for FY23 and ask the Commissioner to come the facility and needed to use the different rooms.
5. Working groups Chair assignments and updates (please see attachment)
6. Retreat dates the discussion was to wait until after new council take office

WORKING GROUPS

7. Safety – Being safe in our home, at work and in our African American Community
8. Economic Opportunity and Affordability - Having economic opportunities and resources that enable us to thrive in our African American community
9. Health and Environment – Enjoying a sustainable environment and a healthy life, physically and mentally as an African American
10. Culture and Lifelong Learning – Being enrich by Austin's unique civic, cultural, ethnic, and learning opportunities for African Americans
11. 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



African American Resources Advisory Commission

MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2022

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

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

20. Future Agenda Items

Announcements

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. following a motion by Commissioner Davis was seconded by Dewi Smith

21. The minutes of the regular meeting on December 6, 2022, were approved following a motion by Commissioner Davis which was seconded by Commissioner Dewi Smith 10/4 & 1 vacant vote 4 Absent Nelson Linder, Chair Elaina Fowler, Quincy Dunlap, Rashida Wright, 1 Vacant

The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the American with Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Meeting locations are planned with wheelchair access. If requiring Sign Language Interpreters or alternative formats, please give notice at least 2 days (48 hours) before the meeting date.

Please call Linda Hayes at Economic Development Department, at (512-974-6282), for additional information; TTY users' route through Relay Texas at 711.

For more information on the African American Resource Advisory Commission, please contact Linda Hayes at 512-974-6282 – lindak.hayes@austintexas.gov.