



**AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
September 24, 2024, 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 participate in a video conference.

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 by telephone for remote participation is required by noon the day before the meeting.

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The African American Resource Advisory Commission convened in a special called meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at City of Austin Permitting and Development Center, 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr., Room 1401/1402, Austin, Texas 78752

Commissioners in Attendance:

Dr. Chiquita Eugene (District 5)
Antonio Ross (District 8)

Dewi Smith Vice Chair (District 1)

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Serita Fontanesi, Chair (District 7)
Mueni Rudd (District 2)
Elaina Fowler (District 10)

Roger Davis (GABC Appointee)
Greg Smith (ARA Appointee)
Kyron Hayes (AAUL Appointee)

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Chiquita Eugene called the African American Resource Advisory Commission meeting to order at 5:34 pm

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

No Public Communication

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the African American Resource Advisory Commission Meeting on August 6, 2024.

The minutes from the regular August meeting on 8/6/2024 were approved on Commissioner Fowler's motion, Commissioner Fontanesi's second on a vote of 8-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Presentation by Matthew Schmidt, Program Manager III, Economic Development Department on development Phase 1 Kick-Off in response to Resolution No. 20210902-048.

Commissioner Dr. Eugene recused herself from the discussion as a member of the Economic Development Department

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

3. The 2012 Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan, and possible action to appoint a representative to support the Imagine Austin comprehensive engagement process (Evelyn Mitchell, Planning Department).

Postpone until Oct. meeting

4. Vote on a representative for the African American Cultural Heritage District Phase 1 Kick-Off in response to Resolution No. 20210902-048.

Commissioner Rudd was nominated on a motion by Chair Fontanesi, seconded by Commissioner Ross. Approved by a vote of 6-0. Commissioner Dr. Eugene recused herself due to being a part of the Economic Development Department

5. Discussion and action to add Transportation and Public Safety to the AARAC By-Laws as a pillar to the quality of life of the African Americans in Austin led by Commissioner Dewi Smith, District 1.

Motion by Chair Fontanesi to "add transportation and public safety to the African American resource Advisory Committee Bylaws as a pillar to the quality of life for African Americans in Austin", seconded by Commissioner Rudd. Approved on a vote of 9-0

6. Vote on new calendar commission meeting dates.

A motion to approve 2025 calendar meeting dates made by Commissioner D. Smith and seconded by Chair Fontanesi. Vote 9-0

STAFF BRIEFING

7. Briefing by Sylvania Holt-Rabb, Director of the City of Austin Economic Development Department, on the City's August budget process and on the department's Global Business Expansion, Small Business, Cultural Arts, Music and Entertainment, Workforce and Childcare, and Support Service divisions.

WORKING GROUPS/COMMITTEE UPDATES

8. Budget Workgroup - updates from the workgroup, including committee members and budgeting related to the FY25 budget. (*Budget Workgroup Members: Commissioners Elaina Fowler, Greg Smith, and Dewi Smith*).
9. Strategic Planning Workgroup - updates from the last workgroup meeting on the strategic plan related to their assignment (*Strategic Planning Workgroup Members: Commissioners Dewi Smith, Serita Fontanesi, Elaina Fowler, and Mueni Rudd*).

Chair Fontanesi shared the Commission's Strategic Planning goals.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discussion on Strategic planning goals
2. Discuss and vote on a change to the November meeting date due to the election.
3. Discuss and vote on the format and dates for the commission retreat.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn from Commission G. Smith, second by Commissioner D. Smith

Commissioner Dr. Eugene adjourned the meeting at 7:11 pm

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