



**AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024**

**The African American Resource Advisory Commission convened in a regular called meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 5:30 P.M. at the City of Austin Permitting and Development Center, 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr., Room 1401/1402 in Austin, Texas.**

**Commissioner Dewi Smith called the African American Resource Advisory Commission meeting to order at 5:34 pm.**

**Commissioners in Attendance :**

Serita Fontanesi, Chair  
Roger Davis  
Dr. Chiquita Eugene  
Daryl Horton  
Nelson Linder  
Dewi Smith  
Greg Smith

**Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:**

Elaine Fowler  
Joi Harden  
Kyron Hayes  
Anthony Jackson  
Antonio Ross  
Mueni Rudd

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the African American Resource Advisory Commission Special Called Meeting on September 24, 2024.

**The minutes from the special called September meeting on 9/24/2024 were approved on Commissioner Greg Smith's motion, Commissioner Davis' second on a vote of 9-0. Commissioners Eugene, Fontanesi, Horton, and Rudd were off the dais.**

## **STAFF BRIEFING**

2. Briefing on the African American community demographics by Lila Valencia City of Austin Demographer Planner  
**Lila Valencia, City of Austin Demographer Planner, presented on African American community demographics in Austin.**
3. Briefing on the Preservation Plan Working Group's and Historic Landmark Commission's work finalizing and obtaining Council approval of the Equity-Based Preservation Plan by Cara Bertron Program Manager II, - Planning Department  
**Cara Bertron, Program Manager II, Planning Department, and Ursula Carter, a member of the Preservation Plan working group, presented on the Preservation Plan Working Group's and Historic Landmark Commission's work finalizing and obtaining Council approval of the Equity-Based Preservation Plan.**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

4. Introduction of the new City of Austin City Manager TC Broadnax to the commission.  
**T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, introduced himself to the commission and spoke about his goals as City Manager.**
5. Discuss feedback received on the Strategic Planning Summary.  
**Postponed to the November meeting on Chair Fontanesi's motion, Commissioner Davis' second on a 12-0 vote. Commissioner Eugene was off the dais.**

## **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

6. Approve changing the November 5, 2024, Commission meeting date to November 12, 2024  
**The November 5, 2024 meeting was moved to November 12, 2024 on Commissioner Greg Smith's motion, Commissioner Dewi Smith's second on an 11-1 vote. Commissioner Davis voted no. Commissioner Eugene was off the dais.**
7. Approve the formation of a Retreat Working Group and approval of Retreat Day  
**Postponed to the November meeting on Chair Fontanesi's motion, Commissioner Davis' second on a 12-0 vote. Commissioner Eugene was off the dais.**

8. Election for the Vice Chair  
**Commissioner Dewi Smith was nominated on a motion by Chair Fontanesi, second by Commissioner Davis. Approved on a 12-0 vote. Commissioner Eugene was off the dais.**

#### **WORKING GROUPS/COMMITTEE UPDATES**

9. 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*).

**This item was withdrawn on Chair Fontanesi's motion, Commissioner Davis' second, on a 12-0 vote. Commissioner Eugene was off the dais.**

10. 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*).

**This item was withdrawn on Chair Fontanesi's motion, Commissioner Davis' second, on a 12-0 vote.**

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm on motion from Commissioner Greg Smith, second from Commissioner Fowler, on a 12-0 vote.**

**The minutes were approved at the February 4, 2025 meeting with an amendment to remove "Commissioner Eugene was off the dais" on all items on Commissioner Linder's motion, Commissioner Horton's second, on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Ross was absent.**

