



**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.

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.
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.

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.

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.

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.

