



**AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, October 6, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.
Street-Jones Building
1000 E. 11th Street, Room 400-A
Austin, Texas 78702**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Chiquita Eugene, Chair
Joi Harden
Nelson Linder, Vice Chair

LeKisha McKinley
Greg Smith
Dr. Jennifer Wilks

CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jason Alexander
Gordon Derr
Melodye Foust

Dusty McCormick
Robert Spillar

1. CALL TO ORDER—5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:45pm by Commissioner Eugene.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Mr. Howard Falkenberg and Mr. Terry S. Smith addressed the Commission concerning the upcoming events surrounding the 135th anniversary of Huston-Tillotson University.

Mr. Steve Swanson thanked the Commission for their support of the Community Youth Court.

Ms. Alicia Jackson addressed the Commission concerning home ownership for families with less than \$50,000 annual income and unemployment.

Ms. Dannelia Gladden addressed the Commission concerning a program she is working on to connect students at area schools with alumni through a fine arts program celebrating the life of the alumnus.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 REGULAR MEETING.

The minutes stand as presented.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

- a. **Presentation on the proposed projects to be funded by the November 2010 Mobility Bond Election (Howard Lazarus, Director of Public Works Dept and Gordon Derr, Assistant Director of Transportation Dept)**

Mr. Robert Spillar and Mr. Gordon Derr of the City of Austin Transportation Department presented information on the November 2010 Mobility Bond proposal.

b. Presentation on the African American Men & Boys/Women & Girls Conference (Michael Lofton)

Mr. Michael Lofton of the African American Men & Boys harvest Foundation presented information on the conferences put on by the organization and its plans for a new facility.

c. Content and date of a possible Commission presentation to the City Council regarding Commission scope and accomplishments

Jason Alexander has reserved a spot on the December 9, 2010 Council agenda for the presentation.

d. Discussion on outcome of January 30, 2010 Community Forum

The report from Neighborhood Housing & Community Development Department has not been received.

e. Reports from Commissioners on attending other Board's and Commission's meetings

Commissioner Smith attended an affordable housing roundtable.

f. Setting agenda items for future meetings, including non-substantive housekeeping matters (such as meeting dates, potential topics, and information and research requests for staff)

For the November meeting the Commissioners would like a presentation from the Neighborhood Housing & Community Development Department concerning their programs to assist citizens with incomes at \$50,000 or less annually in becoming home owners and a presentation on the recently-released report on poverty in the Austin area.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.