



**AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
December 5, 2012**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nelson Linder, Chair
Sherry Cherry
Wayne Cook

Dr. Chiquita Eugene
Daryl Horton
Greg Smith, Vice Chair

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Regina Copic
Melodye Foust
Rebecca Giello

Howard Lazarus
Alison Von Stein

CALL TO ORDER—5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:40pm by Commissioner Linder.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

There were no speakers.

2. Approval of the minutes from the November 7, 2012 Regular Meeting

The minutes stand as presented.

3. Update on the African American Cultural & Heritage Facility (Regina Copic, Neighborhood Housing & Community Development Department, Alison Von Stein, Public Works Department and Al York, AIA Principal, McKinney York Architects)

Howard Lazarus, Director of the Public Works Department, spoke about the progress on the facility. Mr. Lazarus stated that the facility should be finished within 2 weeks and occupation should begin in January. Mr. Lazarus also committed Public Works to replace the sidewalks along the block in front of the facility once construction was complete.

Rebecca Giello, Neighborhood Housing & Community Development Department, stated that the lease negotiations with proposed tenants were still ongoing.

4. Reports from Commissioners on attending meetings of other City Boards and Commissions

Commissioner Cherry attended the informational session from the Office of the City Auditor concerning the committee that will draw the districts for the new City Council representation.

5. Discuss Agenda for January Work Session

Commissioner Linder spoke about the upcoming work session in January, stating that there would be discussions about rules for citizen communication, history of the Quality of Life Initiative and the Commission, and the role of the Commission in the City government structure.

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

Future agenda topics will be discussed at the January work session.

- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.