



AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION SPECIAL CALLED COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2013

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Greg Smith, Chair
Sherry Cherry
Wayne Cook

Clifford Gillard
Daryl Horton, Vice Chair
Nelson Linder

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melodye Foust

CALL TO ORDER—5:30 P.M.

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

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Mr. Gene Mays spoke about issues faced by business owners in the 11th Street & 12th Street Corridors such as parking.

2. Discussion and Action: Commission Recommendation for the City Council to provide financial support for :

- a) **Designation of key city-owned vacant properties (lots and buildings included) specifically along the all-crucial 11th and 12th Street corridors as “AACHD-critical”;**
- b) **The sale of any City-owned Properties within the AACHD “critical zone,” require first a review of the proposed purchase by the African American Resource Advisory Commission to determine if the intended use of the property aligns with its location and significance within the AACHD;**
- c) **Offer of financial incentives and technical support to the few remaining African American Businesses and venues within the AACHD so that there is real accountability to the City’s promise/mission to meet the needs set forth in the AAQLI; and**
- d) **Work with the African American Cultural Heritage District Board to identify viable ways to attract, nurture and maintain local African American businesses within the AACHD.**

A motion to approve the Recommendation to Council was made by Commissioner Gillard; seconded by Commissioner Cherry. Vote 6-0 with Commissioner Eugene absent.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.