



# African American Resources Advisory Commission

## MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday February 5, 2019

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The African American Resources Advisory Commission convened in a meeting on Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, in the Executive Session Conference Room of City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm by Chair Kenneth Thompson.

### **African American Resources Advisory Commissioners:**

**Present:** Chair Kenneth Thompson, Vice Chair Dr. Chiquita Eugene, Jessica Faith Carter, Clifford Gillard, Greg Smith, Nelson Linder, Marissa Jones, and Daryl Horton

**Absent:** Aaron Demerson, Miriam Conner, Tam Hawkins, and Elaina Fowler

**City Staff in Attendance:** Economic Development Department (EDD) Acting Deputy Director Sylvania Holt-Rabb, Chief Equity Officer Brion Oaks, Small Business Program Division Manager Vicky Valdez and EDD Administrator and Liaison, Linda Hayes.

### **1. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 regular meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously following a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gillard.

Chair asked if any Commissioner needed to be recused from the meeting pertaining to the items on the agenda.

### **2. Chair's Report:**

Chair Thompson discuss the budget with concerning the state and city pertaining to budget from the process and pass budget concerns pertaining to the black community and businesses. The Chair also recommend for the budget working group before the next Commission meeting.

Motion to reverse items 6 and 7 – Commissioner Horton and Commissioner Dr. Eugene 2nd the motion.

### **3. Citizen Communication:**

- a. **Jesus Vera District 9** – Mueller Development concerns – Mr. Vera stated his concerns on the Mueller Developers on how the minority contractors are not being contacted or aloud to put a bid in to work on the Mueller Development.
- b. **Roland Laws of the Skill Band** – came to introduce himself to the commission and discuss the musicians in Austin and how they are treated in the community and how they are not treated fairly.
- c. **Keisha Gills** – Keisha is a new team member of the Police Oversight Division, she is greeting all districts to reach out to the community. Keisha will be added to the agenda for next month's commission meeting.
- d. **Neal Whetstone** – Neal is the Jr Policy Aide for Council Member Harper-Madison, Neal came to introduce himself to the commission.

### **4. Presentations:**

- a. **Austin Health Public Department –Stephanie Hayden** – discuss the draft scope of work discussion pertaining to the African American Mental Health recommendation of \$500,000.00 will take applications for the funding. Discussion on deliverable base



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contracts starting July 1<sup>st</sup> for small agencies will only apply for this deliverables. Commissioner Smith want's the Major and City Manager Spencer to know that Stephanie "gets it for the Black Community".

**Motion to except the draft** – Commissioner Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Jones – Commissioner Dr. Eugene recuse herself and was off the dais –motion pass

- b. **Austin Independent School District Community Engagement Department – Ali Ghilarducci** – the builders will discuss the design of the school and whether it with stay the same and take away from the original site. The ground breaking ceremony was January 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 A.M – high school for 800 students that will attend and have the opportunity to attend ACC on the same campus. The facility is the Old Anderson High School.
  - c. **City of Austin New Fire Chief** – Chief Baker stop by to introduce himself to the commission, he discuss the hiring process of the fire department and increase diversity with the fire department.
  - d. **kYmberly Keaton** – discuss what she is doing at the Austin History Center she is programs inside and outside Austin History Center.
  - e. **Neighborhood Housing – Rosie Truelove Director of Neighborhood Housing –** Housing Trust Fund consolidating plan with Community Value investing housing in need.
  - f. **Linda Wade Sickle Cell Association** – the association is asking for support to help fund the new contract of \$250,000.00.
  - g. **Urban Music Festival** – Dr. Eugene rescue her from this item. Mr. Hill discuss with the commission to put and ordinance in place to stop the fee waivers for the event. This was pertaining to the Economic impact study the about was \$47,650.00
5. **Racism Workshop** – Brion Oaks discuss with the commission about the workshop and express that it mandatory for everyone to attend.
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- a. The Austin Revitalization Authority – Greg Smith, President – discuss about the joint inclusion meeting about the major task on disability and the 8 other commission.
  - b. The Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce no update
  - c. The Baptist Minister Union – no update
  - d. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People –
    - a. Resolution - For Capital Metro Title VI Analysis of Northeast Austin Minority Bus Routes. Motion to except the resolution Commissioner Dr. Eugene recuse herself and was off the dais –motion pass
  - e. The Austin Area Urban League –no update
7. **Working Groups:**
- a. Photograph Selection for Mural – Voted on for the Mural of Alex Porter – Commissioner Dr. Eugene made the motion Commissioner Horton 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carried
  - b. Health and Mental Health – No Update



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- c. Public Safety – No Update
- d. Expansion of the Carver Complex – No Update
- e. Solar and Economic – No Update
- f. Youth and Education – No Update
- g. Urban Music/Other Cultural Activities – Resolution – Urban Music Fest Fee Waivers
  - Motion to except the proposal at had
  - Commissioner Gillard move to for the approval to wave the fee of \$47, 650.00
  - Commissioner Linder 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Call for the question – Commissioner Horton's recommendation the retirement of the debt and the monies owes and last year is clear as for as the debt.
  - Motion carried with Commissioner Dr. Eugene of the dais. Commissioners want to see the study.
- h. Affordable Housing and Equitable Planning Group - Update

### **8. Discussion and Possible Action:**

### **9. Future Agenda Items:**

### **10. Announcements:**

### **11. Adjournment:** Commissioner Smith and 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Horton