



African American Resources Advisory Commission

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday March 5, 2019

The African American Resources Advisory Commission convened in a meeting on Tuesday, February 5th, at the George Washington Carver Museum, Cultural and Genealogy Center, 1165 Angelina Street, Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 5:39 pm by Vice Chair Dr. Chiquita Eugene.

African American Resources Advisory Commissioners:

Present: Vice Chair Dr. Chiquita Eugene, Jessica Faith Carter, Greg Smith, Nelson Linder, Marissa Jones, Aaron Demerson, Miriam Conner, Daryl Horton, and Elaine Fowler

Absent: Chair Kenneth Thompson, Tam Hawkins, and Clifford Gillard,

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 February 5, 2019 regular meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously following a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Horton.

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

2. Chair's Report:

No Chair's report Chair Thompson out ill with the flu.

3. Citizen Communication:

- a. Kacey Hanson
- b. Motty Wang
- c. Marva Overton
- d. Angie Summers

4. Presentations:

- a. **Angie Sommer Senior Research Analyst City of Austin Neighborhood Housing & Community Development** – discuss the FY 2019-23 consolidated plan for the program for the next 5 years action plan for the budget coming up medium to low income families and the homeless. Presented the current information that they are working with HUD. Presented the programs that the city currently have which is 8 priorities.
- b. **Blackshear Bridge Donna Hoffman**– discuss the unveiling and creating affordable housing options for low to moderate income for African American People in Central East Austin. Donna provide data to explain about the homes are not taken care of by the owner for the renter. Donna's request is for people to move back in the old neighborhood and stay in Austin. The reunion is April 26th at 7:30 am with the unveiling of the Muriel of Principle Rice. Donna did request for the commissioners to sign the petition she had.



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6:00 P.M. – Time Certain – Community Forum

5. **Special Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action**– FY 2019 Budget Process Overview – Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer he presented the budget to the community and they want to know the community response to what they presented as budget

Motion change the Roberts Rules by Commissioner Horton to allow people from the audience to ask questions and Commissioner Jones 2nd Motion carried

Council Member Harper-Madison District 1 - stated that anyone has the the opportunity to sit on the different commission boards ask the community to please apply

Commissioner Greg Smith – recommended to get funding the funding Stephanie Hayden presented that the community completed the required forms and further more Commissioner Smith told City Manager he wanted to go on the record that Stephanie Hayden gets it further more he stated that Rosie Truelove of Neighborhood Housing didn't get it. Discussion of AIDS 25 million in the AIDS services program. This not helping the community.

Priority Housing - homeless and youth in transition and looking for housing not affordable

Kelli Gillis – Requested for the community to complete the survey that is on the city website that prioritize community about the survey on Facebook Live and use the social media collect and hand out the survey at Urban Music Festival, partner with local schools

Commissioner Demerson black newspapers to let the community know about the forums

Commissioner Linder discuss the problem with AIDS – Budget process is complicate for a community citizens to understand

Budget working group with meet about the budget

Six indicators please provide the information

Keto St. James – performing artist please invest in your cultural program and invest in the children programs

Aleisa Nobles – Text Empowerment and children that so children and identify with people that look like them and need funding

Equity Office Director Brion Oaks recommended that the black community is under housing investments do we have a the right people during the work

Commissioner Demerson – The Texas Relays want to hear from the Police Department about the Texas Relays

6. **Adjournment:** Commissioner Smith and 2nd Commissioner Horton