



African American Resources Advisory Commission

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday April 2, 2019

The African American Resources Advisory Commission convened in a meeting on Tuesday, February 5th, 2019 in the Executive Session Room in City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:51 pm by Chair Kenneth Thompson

African American Resources Advisory Commissioners:

Present: Chair Kenneth Thompson, Jessica Faith Carter, Nelson Linder, Marissa Jones, Aaron Demerson, Miriam Conner, Daryl Horton, Clifford Gillard and Elaine Fowler

Absent: Vice Chair Dr. Chiquita Eugene, Greg Smith, Tam Hawkins.

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

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 5, 2019 regular meeting were approved unanimously following a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Horton to approved the minutes

Vice 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 discussed the SXSW festival and concerns of the Austin Police Department and reported that he will further discuss with Chief Brian Manley. Discussion on the Urban Music Festival and the APD's outstanding support during the festival

Citizen Communication:

- a. Renee Davis, Director of the Sister Moses
- b. Kobla T. Austin, Urban Young Professional President
- c. Nia Franklin, Blackshear Bridge

3. Presentations:

- a. **Angie Sommer, Senior Research Analyst, City of Austin Neighborhood Housing & Community Development** – presented the FY 2019-23 consolidated plan for the upcoming budget for medium to low income families and the homeless. NHCD also presented current information in relation to their work with HUD including eight identified priorities.
- b. **Donna Hoffman, Blackshear Bridge** – briefed the Commission about unveiling and creating affordable housing options for low to moderate income African Americans in central East Austin. Ms. Hoffman also provided data in regard to rental properties not taken care of by the owner. Ms. Hoffman envisions people moving back to East Austin neighborhoods and remaining in Austin. The reunion is April 26th at 7:30 am with the unveiling of the mural of Principle Rice. Ms. Hoffman requested commissioners to sign her petition.



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

- 4. Special Presentation: Discussion and Possible Action**– FY 2019 Budget Process Overview – Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer presented the budget to the community requesting citizen input on the budget.

Motion to suspend rules by Commissioner Horton to allow citizen communication to reconvene with Commissioner Jones 2nd Motion carried. Synovia Joseph presented the commission an amended to a resolution of the Austin Mobility plan leading to amendment of the Imagine Austin Plan. Item 33 appended action. Motion by Commission Linder and 2nd by Commissioner Conner. Motion passed.

Chair provided the resolution for the solar recommendation. Motion by Commissioner Gillard and 2nd by Commissioner Conner. Motion passed.

- 5. Adjournment:** 7:59 p.m. with Commissioner Carter motioned and Commissioner Jones second.