



# African American Resources Advisory Commission

## MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday July 2, 2019

The African American Resources Advisory Commission convened in a meeting on Tuesday, May 7, in the Executive Session Conference Room of City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Chair Kenneth Thompson

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

**Present:** Chair Daryl Horton Nelson Linder, Miriam Conner, Greg Smith, Elaine Fowler, Volma Overton III, Dr. Chiquita Eugene, and Jessica Faith Carter

**Absent:** Tam Hawkins, Clifford Gillard, Marissa Jones, Marissa Jones, Aaliyah Noble, and Elton Randel

**City Staff in Attendance:** City Council Member District 1 Natasha Harper- Madison, Assistant City Manager Christopher Shorter, Economic Development Department (EDD) Acting Deputy Director Sylnovia Holt-Rabb, and Liaison Linda Hayes.

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

The minutes of the April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 regular meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously following a motion by Commissioner Gillard, seconded by Commissioner Conner.

Vice Chair asked if any Commissioner needed to be recused from the meeting pertaining to the items on the agenda. Dr. Eugene recused herself from Items 4b and 4e

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

Chair Thompson recognize the two new Commissioners – Aaliyah Noble and Volma Overton III

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

- a. Angelica Enzo – Vice Chair Hispanic Quality of Life discussion on racial profiling
- b. Elizabeth Henry – Community Sobering Center
- c. Todd Hamilton – Central Texas Allied Health Institute
- d. Jamie Castillo – Arts Commissions discussion on the bond for created spaces needs

### **4. Presentations:**

- a. **Chief Brian Manley of the Austin Police Department – Annual Racial Profiling Report 2018** – discussion on the report from the 6 years' worth of data, requested for him to come back later with additional information later in the year.
- b. **Vanessa Silas of the Millennium Youth Entertainment Center** – Dr. Chiquita Eugene recused herself from this item. Vanessa discussed the upgrade to the event center. Vanessa also spoke about the draft community agreement that was submitted the City Manager's office, that the agreement the draft discussed the live music space to have for the local artist, but lack of funds prohibited this from happening. Assistant City Manager Shorter said he will check about this problem with the center.

**Citizens Communications** - At this time it was requested to reopen the Citizens Communications. Commissioner Conner made the motion and Commissioner Fowler



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2<sup>nd</sup>. The appeal was made to ask the Commissioners to attend Hispanic Quality of Life meeting pertaining Racial Profiling.

- c. **Gilbert Hicks, AISD Associate Supt. – African American Achievement Plan -** Discussion on Equity Mental Learning Support, Mentors and Restoration Practices. Commissioner Linder made the motion for a Safety Task Force, Commissioner Conner and Assist Chair Jones 2<sup>nd</sup> to adopt resolution for this item. Motion carried.
- d. **Rosie Truelove, Director of Neighborhood Housing –** Rosie provided update on neighborhood housing blueprint.
- e. **Charles Byrd, Executive of Jump On It –**At this time Commissioner Dr. Chiquita Eugene recuse herself from this item. Mr. Byrd spoke about the lack of support from the City of Austin and stated that he has met with APD and several other community leaders for support. Mr. Byrd discussed the debt of \$86,000.00. This includes the evens for the June 19<sup>th</sup>, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Commissioner Gillard made the motion for a resolution to find additional money and this will provide an updated resolution that is on file for the about on \$86,979. Commissioner Linder 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it carried. Commissioner Demerson will assist Mr. Byrd. The commission suggest that Mr. Byrd would need a grant writer to assist him.

## 5. WORKING GROUPS – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Budgets – FY2020 Budget Recommendations update  
The Commission approved the \$16,500.000 recommendation of the Budget Working Group. **See Attached**  
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Chair Kenneth Thompson, Volma Overton, III, Elaina Fowler, Clifford Gillard, Aalijah Noble, Miriam Conner, Dr.Chiquita Eugene Aaron Demerson, Greg Smith, Nelson Linder, Vice Chair Marissa Jones and Tam Hawkins  
Absent 1  
Jessica Faith Carter  
Vacant 2
- b. Photograph Selection for Mural
- c. Health and Mental Health
- d. Public Safety
- e. Expansion of the Carver Complex
- f. Solar and Economic – Solar Resolution update
- g. Youth and Education
- h. Urban Music/Other Cultural Activities
- i. Affordable Housing and Equitable Planning Group

- 6. **Adjournment:** 8:30 p.m. with Commissioner Dr. Eugene motioned and 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Conner