



African American Resources Advisory Commission

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 4, 2020

The African American Resources Advisory Commission convened in a meeting on Tuesday, May 4, 2020 virtual meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:46 pm by President Horton

African American Resources Advisory Commissioners:

Present: Chair Daryl Horton, Clifford Gillard, Dr. Chiquita Eugene, Miriam Conner, Cherelle Vanbrakle, Rashida Wright, Greg Smith, Nelson Linder, and Elaina Fowler

Absent: Aaliyah Noble, Tam Hawkins, Ellen Sweet, Volma Overton, III, and Elton Randel and AAUL Vacant

City Staff in Attendance: Sylnovia Holt-Rabb, Deputy Director, Economic Development Department (EDD), and Joshua Robinson, Quality of Life Commission Liaison, Equity Office

Citizen Communication:

1. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes – April minutes were unavailable.

2. Presentations: Michael Ward – Discussion on The Austin Urban Technology Movement [AUTM]. It's a non- profit organization that bridges the gap between the Black, Brown, and Latinx communities and the technology industry through job placement, career development, and networking opportunities.

3. Working Groups - Discussion and Possible Action

a. Safety –

- i. Commissioner Linder requested the commission to draft a letter from the commission in support of Austin Coalition. Vice-Chair Conner and Commissioner Gillard requested support for the Austin Coalition letter. Angelica with Hispanic Quality of Life confirmed her support.

b. Economic Opportunity and Affordability –

- i. Recommendation from the previous meeting for review Family Independence Initiative [FII] drafted a letter. – Chas Moore with Austin Coalition presented a draft letter to commission for review.
 - a) Commissioner Gillard to approve the recommendation and asking each commissioner to sign the letter to support the letter and the commission to sign the letter 2nd by Vice Chair Conner. The motion did not pass.
 - 1) Commissioner Gillard – for
 - 2) Vice Chair Conner – for
 - 3) Commissioner Vanbrakle – for
 - 4) Commissioner Wright – for
 - 5) Commissioner Linder – against
 - 6) Commissioner Eugene – against
 - 7) Commissioner Fowler – against



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- 8) Chair Horton – against
 - 9) Commissioner Smith – abstain

- ii. Fair Chance Housing Resolution is under 1st review by commission.
 - a) Motion to approve by 1st by Vice-Chair Connor and 2nd by Commissioner Linder & Commissioner Smith
 - b) Dr. Eugene recuse
 - c) Council Member Harper-Madison motioned to support
 - d) Resolution to have more food made available
- Review Resolution Creative Art Space and Music Commission recommendation
 - a) Motion to approve 1st by Vice Chair Conner and 2nd by Commissioner Vanbrakle 2nd
 - b) Commissioner Gillard recused himself

iii. Health and Environment – No Action

iv. Culture and Lifelong Learning Health and Environment – No Action

v. Government That Works for All – No Action

4. Special Presentation, The African American Community Alliance Community Update – Discussion and Possible Action

- a. The Austin Revitalization Authority – Greg Smith, President
- b. The Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce – Tam Hawkins, President and CEO
- c. The Baptist Minister Union – Rev. Daryl Horton, President – Chair Horton
- d. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People – Nelson Lender, President - Nelson Lender, President –
- e. The Austin Area Urban League – Quincy Dunlap, President and CEO – No Update
- f. Cultural Arts – Clifford Gillard
- g. Mobility – No discussion to date.

5. Future Agenda Items - None

6. Announcements - None



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Adjournment:

- i. 1st by Commissioner Smith and, and 2nd by Dr. Eugene

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