

'Arts and Culture' workgroup meeting report

Meeting date: Thursday, December 15th 2016

Attendee:

- (a) Pramod Patil (Chair)
- (b) Janki DePalma
- (c) Shubhada Saxena

Synopsis of items discussed:

- (1) We discussed about needing further action items to promote cultural sharing activities within Asian American group (something which was discussed as a goal in the last meeting)

Action: Pramod to put together a calendar where everyone can propose one event where they can invite commissioners to a community event from there area. It's important that the commissions are welcomed and given good opportunity to understand other culture. Everyone should attend at least one cross cultural event.

- (2) Bringing more awareness about the AAQLC to our community.

At this point, it feels like our (Asian) community does not have much awareness about the AAQLC. We need to start recognizing commissioner during our cultural events.

Action: Every commissioner should find opportunities to introduce commissioners during community events. More ideas are welcome in this area. Continually invite representatives from Asian American groups to Commission meetings to share their needs and strengths

- (3) Need more time to discuss workgroup progress.

Our recent commission meetings seem to take longer time on updates from other (outside) groups and it feels like we need more time to discuss/understand progress and/or changes for our workgroups.

Action: Needed by the commission

- (4) Lack of representation from non-Indian on the Arts and Culture group

We still don't have participation/representation from non-Indian commissioner on the Arts and Culture workgroup group. This is important to make it a truly 'Asian' representation.

Action: Needed by commissioner

- (5) Mission statement:

We revisited our goal and came up with below mission statement for 'Arts and Culture' workgroup.

"Work together with folks from various ethnic backgrounds by sharing and celebrating different cultures."