



**ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017**

The Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Chair Vince Cobalis called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Vince Cobalis, Catherina Conte, Debasree DasGupta, Janki DePalma, Pramod Patil, Kavita Radhakrishnan, Shubhada Saxena, Pooja Sethi, Nguyen Stanton, Kirk Yoshida

Staff in Attendance: Rey Arellano, Joe Silva, Marion Sanchez, Taja Beekley

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

- James Shieh – Provided an update on CodeNext and discussed benefits of ICMA International Fellows Program
- Bobbi Kommineni (AARC Non-Profit)– Presented a description of the Community Health Navigator Program

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 18, 2017 minutes were approved on a 9-0-1 vote with Commissioner Stanton abstaining.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action on 2018 budget initiatives:
 - i. Budget initiatives will be discussed at the June AAQoLAC meeting. The proposed initiatives will be vetted through working groups with a package vote in July. Suggested that Commissioners meet with their Council members
- b. Working Group Reports;
 - i. **Asian American Resource Center (AARC):** The kitchen renovations are complete. A policy for the use of the kitchen will be developed. Currently the kitchen is only available for groups renting the main ballroom.
 - ii. **Arts and Culture:** The work group discussed its AISD Diversity Day event on May 20th. Unfortunately, student schedules made planning difficult but the next event may occur in the fall.
 - iii. **Budget and Business:** see 3.a
 - iv. **Community Outreach:** Provided feedback for AAQoL report.
 - v. **HR Diversity Issues:** Did not meet.

- vi. **Health:** Discussed budget items and whether current programs need to be expanded i.e. Health Navigator. Also discussed clinic fee services and discussed designing a mental health strategy for the Asian community

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Update on AAQoL: Marion Sanchez provide an update on the AAQoL Initiative Final Report
- b. Jessica King (Acting Chief Communications Director, CPIO) stated that the RFQ for the Language Access Project is out. CPIO will send Scope of Work and share the data for AISD languages.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Information Sharing

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

- a. Presentation by Amy Wong Mok Asian American Cultural Center - Senior Housing
- b. Caritas refugee services
- c. Budget Initiatives

7. ADJOURN

Commissioner Saxena moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Patil.
Approved 10-0. Chair Jung adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.