



**ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION (AAQOLAC)  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2017**

The AAQOLAC convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Chair Vince Cobalis called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Commission Members in Attendance:**

Vince Cobalis, Shubhada Saxena, Nu Chanpheng, Peter Chao, Catherina Conte, Debasree DasGupta, Janki DePalma, Richard Jung, Pramod Patil, Kavita Radhakrishnan, Pooja Sethi, Nguyen Stanton, Kirk Yoshida

**Staff in Attendance:**

Rey Arellano, Joe Silva, and Hanh Thai

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Mr. Carlos Soto shared Community Advancement Network Final Report to the Commission  
Mr. Omar Kadir expressed concerns about SB4

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the meeting of June 20, 2017 were approved on Commissioner Saxena motion, Commissioner Radhakrishnan second on a 13-0 vote.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

a. The Commission discussed draft of budget recommendation to City Council to realign budget structure to address the needs of Asian American community, develop new policies to include Asian American community in departments' budgets. This item was approved on Commissioner Saxena motion, Commissioner Chanpheng second on 13-0 vote.

Commissioner Jung made a motion to request fund to be returned to Asian American Resource Center – Nonprofit to fulfill their missions. Commissioner Sethi seconded. The vote was 12-0-1. Chair Cobalis recused himself from this item due to a conflict of interest.

b. No discussion

c. No discussion

d. Commissioner Yoshida reminded Workgroup leads to submit Annual Review information. Commissioner Patil indicated that the Culture and Arts information was included in the Workgroup Reports backup

e. The Commission discussed the memo for Asian American Cultural Center. Commissioner Jung made a motion to adopt the memo with some modifications then withdrew his motion. This item was postponed to be discussed more in next month meeting.

f. No discussion

**4. STAFF BRIEFING**

- a. FY 2018 Budget Forecast was presented by Kimberley McNeeley and Greg Montes (Parks and Recreation Department)
- b. Master Planning Process and Options for the Asian American Resource Center presentation was presented by Greg Montes and Taja Beekley (Parks and Recreation Department)

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Intro to SB4 presentation was made by American Gateways representative
- b. The Commission discussed impact of SB4 on the Asian American and Pacific Islander community. Commissioner Sethi and Conte will draft a resolution to present in next month meeting
- c. Information sharing: Commissioner Patil shared information on Independence Day of India at the State Capitol on August 12, 2017  
Chair Cobalis encouraged Commissioners to participate in Seaholm Waterfront focus group  
Vice Chair Saxena shared information on API vote training on July 22, 2017

**6. FUTURE AGENDA**

No future agenda items were discussed

**7. ADJOURN**

Commissioner Patil made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner DesPalma seconded. The vote was 13-0. Chair Cobalis adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.