



**ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION (AAQOLAC)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017**

The AAQOLAC convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Chair Vince Cobalis called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Vince Cobalis, Shubhada Saxena, Peter Chao, Catherina Conte, Pramod Patil, Kavita Radhakrishnan, Pooja Sethi, Nguyen Stanton, Kirk Yoshida, and Janki DePalma

Staff in Attendance:

Rey Arellano, Joe Silva, and Hanh Thai

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

No Citizen Communication

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of July 18, 2017 were approved on Commissioner DePalma motion, Commissioner Patil second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Saxena arrived late after the minutes approval voting.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Commissioner Radhakrishnan reported on Health Workgroup meeting

There was no Asian American Resource Center Workgroup report due to a lack of quorum

Commissioner Conte will replace Commissioner Yoshida on Community Engagement Workgroup

Chair Cobalis introduced Community Health Forum day. This will be posted as a Community Interest Announcement for August 30, 2017

b. Commissioner Jung will lead a special short-term Workgroup to fill Commission vacancies. Commissioners Yoshida, Saxena, and Stanton will join this Workgroup

c. No discussion

d. Marion Sanchez presented the Asian American Quality of Life Initiative Executive Report

e. The memo for Asian American Cultural Center was approved on Commissioner Stanton motion, Commissioner DePalma second on a 10-0 vote.

f. The resolution regarding impact of SB4 on the Asian American Pacific Islander Community was approved on Commissioner Sethi motion, Commissioner Saxena second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Yoshida made a motion to have an amendment. Commissioner Conte seconded. Commissioner Stanton made a motion to have 4 amendments. Commissioner Sethi and Saxena seconded on Commissioner Stanton's amendments.

4. STAFF BRIEFING

- a. Deven Desai (Office of the Police Monitor) could not present
- b. Brion Oaks – Chief Equity Officer presented

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The Commission discussed food permit for the Asian American Resource Center kitchen. No action was taken on this item.
- b. The Commission discussed a joint resolution with the African American Resource Advisory Commission and the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Advisory Commission. Chair Cobalis will share the final draft with the Commission and review with the Business Planning Workgroup
- c. Taja and Laura presented the proposed Great Lawn Improvements for the Asian American Resource Center. This item was approved on Commissioner Patil motion, Commissioner Sethi second on a 10-0 vote.

6. FUTURE AGENDA

Staff briefing from Economic Development Department
Commissioner Yoshida suggested a special called meeting to discuss priorities and process for the Commission

7. ADJOURN

Commissioner Saxena made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sethi seconded. The vote was 10-0. Chair Cobalis adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.