



**ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION (AAQOLAC)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**

The AAQOLAC convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Chair Vince Cobalis called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Vince Cobalis, Shubhada Saxena, Peter Chao, Kavita Radhakrishnan, Pooja Sethi, Nguyen Stanton, Kirk Yoshida, Richard Jung and Janki DePalma

Staff in Attendance:

Rey Arellano, Taja Beekley and Hanh Thai

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Becca Van Tassel introduced Austin Center for Grief/Loss

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of August 15, 2017 were suggested to be amended by Commissioner Kirk Yoshida and Commissioner Stanton. Vice Chair Saxena made a motion to approve the amendments, Commissioner Yoshida seconded on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Jung arrived late after the minutes approval voting.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Chair Cobalis discussed on food permit for the Asian American Resource Center kitchen. No action was taken.

b. Discussion on 2018 budget decision. Rey Arellano gave some updates on 2018 Budget decisions. No action was taken.

c. Commissioner DePalma reported on her HR workgroup. Chair Cobalis reported on Asian American Resource Center workgroup. Vice Chair Saxena reported on her Art & Cultural workgroup. Commissioner Yoshida reported on Community Engagement workgroup on behalf of Commissioner Conte, who was not present.

d. Commissioner Jung reported on Commission candidates. He briefly introduced 5 final candidates' backgrounds to the Commission.

e. Chair Cobalis reviewed the memo to Council from 3 Commission Chairs. No action was taken.

4. STAFF BRIEFING

- a. Susan Daniels – Deputy Director of Corridor Program Office- presented 2016 Mobility Bond
- b. Deven Desai – Office of the Police Monitor – could not show up.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The Commission discussed a Commission retreat to outline a strategic plan. It was decided that strategic planning will be an agenda item in October meeting. Chair Cobalis and Vice Chair Saxena will work on outlining the strategic planning.
- b. Chair Cobalis introduced the discussion on City and Community response to Hurricane Harvey. Language access for Asian Community is a major concern for disaster response. Commissioner Chao provided additional information from Chinese Community. A short-term workgroup for Disaster response led by Commissioner Stanton will be formed.

6. FUTURE AGENDA

- a. Update on Quality of Life Initiative
- b. Staff briefing from Deven Desai
- c. More discussions on 2018 budget decisions

7. ADJOURN

Commissioner Jung made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Yoshida seconded. The vote was 9-0. Chair Cobalis adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.