



**ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017**

The Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Chair Richard Jung called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

**Commission Members in Attendance:**

Nu Chanpheng, Vince Cobalis, Catherina Conte, Janki DePalma, Richard Jung, Pramod Patil, Kavita Radhakrishnan, Shubhada Saxena, Kirk Yoshida.

**Staff in Attendance:** Rey Arellano, Joe Silva, Marion Sanchez, Jonathon Tomko (NHCD)

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

- Casey Deen, AmeriCorps Volunteer with the City of Austin Equal Opportunity Office. Informed the Commission of a community assessment survey that she is working on. The goal of the assessment is to understand lower income communities in Austin and what they think are barriers to employment.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A correction to the minutes was noted to state that Commissioner Saxena was in attendance. Commissioner Patil moved to accept the draft minutes, seconded by Commissioner De Palma. The March 21, 2017 minutes with corrections were approved on a unanimous 9-0 vote.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Update on AAQoL: CPIO staff met with the Community Engagement Work Group to review the final draft. Marion Sanchez gave an overview of the format of the report.
- b. The Commission discussed the 2018 budget initiatives. Commissioner Yoshida provided a presentation summarizing the budget items that the Business Workgroup is recommending that the Commission submit to the City Manager for funding in the FY 2019 baseline budget.

Commissioner Yoshida made the following motion, seconded by Commissioner Cobalis:

**Resolution 1: Motion to approve the list of five previously funded items and two support items for submission to the**

**city manager, under the Commission chair's signature,  
for inclusion in the City Manager's FY 2018 budget.**

Commissioner Jung moved to divide the question to consider each budget item separately, seconded by Commissioner Chanpheng. Motion approved 9-0.

Commissioner Chanpheng made the following motion, seconded by Commissioner Patil:

**Resolution 2: Move to approve the funding of the Public Event Leader Position for \$66,651 for submission to the City Manager, under the Commission chair's signature, for inclusion in the City Manager's FY 2018 budget.**

**Approved 9-0**

Commissioner Chanpheng made the following motion, seconded by Commissioner Janki:

**Resolution 3: Move to approve the funding of AARC Transportation (.75 FTE Driver) for \$41,736 for submission to the City Manager, under the Commission chair's signature, for inclusion in the City Manager's FY 2018 budget.**

**Approved 8-0, Commissioner Saxena recusing**

Commissioner Chanpheng made the following motion, seconded by Commissioner Cobalis:

**Resolution 4: Move to approve the funding of AFSS (Health Equity) Contract for \$76,725 for submission to the City Manager, under the Commission chair's signature, for inclusion in the City Manager's FY 2018 budget.**

**Approved 8-0, Commissioner Conte recusing**

Commissioner Chanpheng made the following motion, seconded by Commissioner Saxena:

**Resolution 5: Move to approve the funding of AARC Nonprofit Community Health Navigator for \$140,944 for submission to the City Manager, under the Commission chair's signature, for inclusion in the City Manager's FY 2018 budget.**

**Approved 8-0, Commissioner Cobalis recusing**

Commissioner Chanpheng made the following motion, seconded by Commissioner Patil:

**Resolution 6: Move to approve the funding of Asian Chamber of Commerce for \$50,000 for submission to the City Manager, under the Commission chair's**

**signature, for inclusion in the City Manager's FY 2018 budget.**

**Approved 8-0, Commissioner Jung recusing**

Commissioner Saxena move to rescind the vote for the Resolution 2 to restate the motion, seconded by Commissioner Cobalis. **Approved 9-0**

Commissioner Chanpheng made the following motion, seconded by Commissioner De Palma:

**Resolution 2 (revised): Move to approve the funding of the Facilities Services Rep Lead for \$66,651 for submission to the City Manager, under the Commission chair's signature, for inclusion in the City Manager's FY 2018 budget.**

**Approved 9-0.**

- c. Working Group Reports;
  - i. **Asian American Resource Center (AARC):** Kitchen is close to complete. The final punch list remains.
  - ii. **Arts and Culture:** The work group is working with AISD in its Diversity Day event to occur on May 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - iii. **Budget and Business:**
  - iv. **Community Outreach:** Met with Marion Sanchez to review the report.
  - v. **HR Diversity Issues:** Did not meet.
  - vi. **Health: No report.**

#### **4. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- a. Jonathon Tomko, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department (NHCD) provided information on the community needs assessment of the FY 2017-18 Action Plan.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. The Commission discussed commission vacancies and nominated Omar Kadir for the Community Stakeholder position.
- b. The Commission voted to appoint Commissioner Cobalis as Chair of the Commission. Approved 8-0-1 (Commissioner Cobalis abstaining)  
The Commission voted to appoint Commissioner Saxena as Vide-Chair of the Commission. Approved 9-0
- c. James Shieh, Planning Commission Member, Chair of the Small Area Planning Committee. Spoke as a private citizen and gave an overview of the CodeNext process.
- d. Information Sharing: The AARC CelebreAsia event will take place on May 6, 2017.

#### **6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM**

- a. Discussion and possible action on the Asian Quality Of Life Initiative Report
- b. Discussion and possible action on the NHCD Annual Action Plan
- c. Old Business – FY 2018 Budget Initiatives

## **7. ADJOURN**

Commissioner De Palma moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Saxena. Approved 9-0. Chair Jung adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.