



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

The AAQOLAC convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at Asian American Resource Center in Austin, Texas.

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

Commission Members in Attendance:

Vince Cobalis, Peter Chao, Catherina Conte, Debasree DasGupta, Janki DePalma, Richard Jung, Kavita Radhakrishnan, Pooja Sethi, Nguyen Stanton, Molly Wang, Kirk Yoshida

Staff in Attendance:

Rey Arellano, Taja Beekley, Marion Sanchez, and Hanh Thai

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Gopal Guthikonda(Network of Asian American Organizations) presented the Asian American Resource Center (AARC) Phase 2 expansion in the 2018 Bond Election

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Yoshida made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on October 17, 2017. Commissioner DasGupta seconded on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Stanton and Commissioner Sethi arrived late after the approval of minutes vote

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. This item was postponed

b. This item was postponed

c. Marion Sanchez updated on Quality of Life Initiative

d. Commissioner Sethi shared an article about an inappropriate comment in a recent CodeNEXT meeting. She would forward the article to other Commissioners.

Commissioner DePalma asked if any Commissioners would like to be in HR work group

Commissioner Stanton shared information about Lunar New Year event on February 18 by Vietnamese American Community of Austin Texas (VACAT)

Commissioner Conte shared that the Community Engagement work group would like to have a short tagline to introduce the work of the Commission and have it translated to various languages

4. STAFF BRIEFING

- a. David Colligan of Economic Development Department presented Economic Development Policy Update
- b. Deven Desai of Office of Police Monitor introduced himself and answered Commissioners' questions

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. This item was postponed
- b. This item was postponed
- c. Action on approval of meeting schedule for 2018. Commissioner Jung made the motion to have the Commission meeting on third Tuesday of every month. Commissioner Radhakrishnan seconded on an 11-0 vote
- d. Chair Cobalis presented the resolution to include Asian American Resource Center Phase 2 expansion in 2018 Bond Election. Commissioner Sethi made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Yoshida seconded. The Commission went into further discussion of this resolution. Finally, Commissioner Stanton made a motion to amend the resolution. Commissioner Sethi seconded on a 10-0 vote (Commissioner DasGupta left early at 8:09 p.m.)

6. FUTURE AGENDA

- a. The Chair decided to move this item to February agenda
- b. Representative of Austin Veteran Arts Festival showed up but could not present due to time constraint. The Arts and Culture Workgroup will review the request and make a recommendation. This item will be put on January agenda.

7. ADJOURN

Commissioner Yoshida made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Radhakrishnan seconded. The vote was 10-0. Chair Cobalis adjourned the meeting at 9:31 p.m.