



**ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION (AAQOLAC)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018**

The AAQOLAC convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Chair Vince Cobalis called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Vince Cobalis, Aporajita Ahmed, Peter Chao, Catherina Conte, Debasree DasGupta, Pramod Patil, Kavita Radhakrishnan, Pooja Sethi, Nguyen Stanton, Kirk Yoshida, and Janki DePalma

Staff in Attendance:

Taja Beekley, Laura Esparza and Hanh Thai

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

There was no citizen communication

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of December 19, 2017 were suggested to be amended by Commissioner Radhakrishnan. Commissioner Yoshida made a motion to approve the amendments, Commissioner DasGupta seconded on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Ahmed abstained from voting because she did not attend the meeting in December. Commissioner Stanton and Patil arrived late after the minutes approval voting. After the approval of minutes, each Commissioner introduced themselves to welcome new Commissioner Ahmed.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. This item was postponed because Commissioner Jung, who is the lead of Commission vacancies workgroup, was not present.

b. Commissioner Conte updated Quality of Life Initiative on behalf of Marion Sanchez, who was not present. According to Commissioner Conte, the Quality of Life Initiative report should be available by the end of February.

c. Commissioner Conte reported the Community Engagement workgroup.

Commissioner DasGupta reported the Asian American Resource Center (AARC) workgroup. Commissioner Sethi motioned to add a clause to AARC Fee Schedule. Commissioner Patil seconded. The vote was 10-0 (Commissioner Stanton was not present when this item was discussed).

Commissioner Radhakrishnan reported the Health workgroup

Commissioner DePalma reported the Human Resources workgroup

Commissioner Yoshida reported the Business Planning workgroup

Workgroup reports are posted online

d. Commissioners shared information on various Lunar New Year celebrations among different Asian Communities. Commissioner Conte shared the New Language Access Group report

4. STAFF BRIEFING

a. Laura Esparza presented Parks and Recreation Department Artist Access Program and asked the Commission to designate a Commissioner as a liason for the program. Commissioner Sethi nominated herself and Commissioner Patil seconded the nomination. The vote was 11-0

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Commissioner Sethi presented the recommendation for the Austin Public Health Department Director. Commissioner Sethi motioned to move forward with a minor correction in the resolution. Commissioner Yoshida seconded the motion and the vote was 11-0

6. FUTURE AGENDA

- a. No discussion on this item
- b. No discussion on this item
- c. No discussion on this item

7. ADJOURN

Commissioner Yoshida made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Patil seconded. The vote was 11-0. Chair Cobalis adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.