



**ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION (AAQOLAC)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2018**

The AAQOLAC convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 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, Pramod Patil, Kirk Yoshida, Molly Wang, Debasree DasGupta, Nguyen Stanton, Peter Chao, Catherina Conte, and Sarah Chen.

Staff in Attendance:

Rey Arellano, Marion Sanchez, Laura Esparza and Hanh Thai

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

No citizen communication

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Stanton suggested several revisions to May minutes:

Item 3b G-04: change the vote from 11-0 to 10-0-1 because Commissioner Yoshida abstained from the vote

Item 3a: change “provide” to “provided”, “service” to “services”

Item 3c and 3d: from now on the minute shall retain the titles/ descriptions of the item even if the items were postponed.

Commissioner Yoshida made the motion to approve the May minutes with revision suggested by Commissioner Stanton. Commissioner Stanton seconded. The vote was 10-0-0.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion and possible action on Commission vacancies: Commissioner Jung will resign, thus his position will be vacant. The number of vacancies should be checked with the City Clerk’s Office and reported back in next meeting.

b. Update on the Asian American Quality of Life Initiative final report and next step: Rey Arellano and Marion Sanchez reported updates on this item. Final report is now available online. Staff will report on how to access this report online in next meeting.

c. Update on the AARC Manager hiring process: Laura Esparza reported for Commissioner Sethi. So far, there were 21 applications. The posting would close on June 21st. Commissioner Sethi would serve on one of the interviewing panels. Public interview would be on July 11.

d. Update on the City Budget process: Commissioner Yoshida reported on this item

e & f. Workgroup reports and assignments:

Commissioner Conte reported on Community Engagement workgroup

Commissioner DasGupta reported on AARC workgroup

Commissioner Patil reported on Arts & Culture workgroup

g. Information sharing:

Chair Cobalis shared information about Waller Creek Conservancy and encouraged Commissioners to participate.

Vice Chair Saxena shared information on various community activities.

4. STAFF BRIEFING

a. No staff briefing

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action to support an AAQOL Community Dialogue event in September 2018: Commissioner Conte and Yoshida reported on this item. Commissioner Saxena made a motion to organizing the Community Dialogue event in September 2018. Commissioner Stanton seconded. The vote was 9-0-0 (Commissioner DasGupta left at 8:28 p.m.)
- b. 2018 Bond Election Update: Sumit DasGupta presented this item to the Commission.
- c. Discuss Police Chief hiring process: Commissioner Conte reported on this item instead of Commissioner Jung.
- d. Discussion and possible action to support the Veterans Art Festival 2019: no discussion

6. FUTURE AGENDA

- a. Introduction of new Asian American Community Archivist – Ayshea Khan
- b. Discussion and possible action on Strategic Planning for the Commission
- c. Update on AARC Master Plan
- d. Dialogue with new Chief of Police

7. ADJOURN

Commissioner Chen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Saxena seconded. The vote was 8-0 (Commissioner Molly Wang left early). Chair Cobalis adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.