



## **ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2018**

The Asian American Quality of Life Commission Advisory Commission (AAQOLAC) convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Chair Vince Cobalis called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

**Commission Members in Attendance:** Vince Cobalis, Sarah Chen, Kirk Yoshida, Nguyen Stanton, Catherina Conte, Pramod Patil, Debasree DasGupta, Kavita Radhakrishnan, Peter Chao, and Shubhada Saxena

**Staff in Attendance:** Rey Arellano, Joe Silva, Rochion Gregg, Marisa Flores Gonzales, Sona Shah, and Lauren Garrott

### **1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:**

None

- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The approval of the minutes from the AAQOLAC meeting on October 16, 2018 was moved with edits by Commissioner Yoshida and seconded by Commissioner Chen. The motion was approved 8-0 with Commissioner Saxena abstaining and Commissioner Radhakrishnan not yet present.

### **3. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **a. Workgroup Reports**

1. **AARC** – Workgroup report was submitted. No discussion from Commission.
2. **Health** - The workgroup did not meet last month and the Commission did not discuss.
3. **Arts and Culture** - Workgroup report was submitted. No discussion from the Commission.
4. **Community Engagement** - The Commission discussed as Item 3d.
5. **Business Planning** – The Commission discussed as Item 3c.
6. **Human Resources** - The workgroup did not meet last month and the Commission did not discuss.

#### **b. Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC)** – A retreat for the JIC is scheduled for next month.

- c. Discuss changing Commission Workgroup structure** - The Commission discussed possible changes to the AAQOLAC workgroup structure. The Chair requested that each workgroup lead provide their workgroup's priorities. The Chair will work with the Business Planning workgroup to prepare for a structured discussion at a future Commission meeting. Commissioner Chao will join the Business Planning workgroup.

- d. Discuss Community Dialogue event** – Commissioner Conte provided a recap of the November 14, 2018 Community Dialog event. Approximately 40 community members attended. The event was facilitated by Marion Sanchez, Communication and Public

Information Office and Commissioner Yoshida. The event discussion focused around two main questions. Commissioner Conte will provide minutes from the event at the next commission meeting.

- e. **Update on the mini-grant process** - Commissioner Yoshida has reviewed approximately one-third of the 124 applications submitted. The deadline for reviewing the applications was extended to the end of November.
- f. **Follow-up Action Items** - The Commission discussed the status of commission follow-up action items.
- g. **Update on AARC projects** – Sona Shah, Manager, Asian American Resource Center (AARC) and Lauren Garrott, Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) presented the PARD Long-Range Plan and the AARC Master Plan Timeline. The first public AARC Master Plan community meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2018 from 6-8pm at the AARC. More information is available on the AARC website: <http://austintexas.gov/AARCMP-update>. Ms. Shah confirmed that funds have been identified to design and build the bridge on the AARC site, hopefully in late spring 2019.

#### **4. STAFF BRIEFING**

- a. **Review City's Fair Chance Hiring Ordinance** – Rochion Gregg, Human Resources Department provided an overview of the City's Fair Chance Hiring Ordinance.
- b. **Water Forward Plan** – Marisa Flores Gonzales, Program Manager, Austin Water Utility presented an overview of the Austin Water Utility "Water Forward" plan.

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

- a. Commission Chen moved to approve the proposed 2019 schedule for AAQOLAC meetings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kirk and was approved on a 10-0 vote.

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

- a. Office of Police Oversight – Office of Police Monitor and Austin Police Chief
  - b. Diversity Report – Human Resources Department
  - c. Stronger Austin Initiative - Parks and Recreation Department
  - d. Austin Fire Chief – Austin Fire Department
  - e. 2018 Bond Program – Neighborhood Housing and Community Development
  - f. AAQOLAC Strategic Planning Retreat – AAQOLAC Business Planning Workgroup
7. Commissioner Patil moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Chen seconded. The motion passed 10-0.