

## **'Arts and Culture' workgroup meeting report**

**Meeting date:** April 11th -2019

**Attendee:**

- (a) Pramod Patil (Chair)
- (b) Peter Chao
- (c) Shubhada Saxena

**Items discussed:**

Here are the list of items we discussed during our meeting.

**(1) Support/Participation in the Asian Heritage month on May 1<sup>st</sup>**

We will be participating in the Asian Heritage Month on May 1<sup>st</sup> at the State Capitol. Asian artists will be recognized for their accomplishments.

**(2) Arts and culture performance/project through Austin Pune Sister City initiative (APSCI)**

As a part of the APSCI we are working towards creating a cultural performance project for October 2019 event. The plan is go put together a Maharashtrian style band performance. We are in the planning phase of this project. Our work group will participate and support this effort.

**(3) Explore option(s) to create an opportunity for high school kids to showcase Asian arts and culture**

Often times we see Asian kids are more involved in the Asian art and culture during their elementary school and they shy away from it during middle/high school. Providing a platform or creating events to showcase the Asian art/culture explicitly for middle/high school kids can encourage more kids to be connected with Asian art/culture. Peter mentioned of Chinese community has been hosting some events in this regard and there may be an opportunity for collaboration in this area. We are to explore and/or brainstorm to help this effort.