ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2018

The Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission (AAQOLAC) convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Chair Vince Cobalis called the meeting to order at 6:12 P.M.

Commission Members in Attendance: Vince Cobalis, Sarah Chen, Kirk Yoshida, Molly Wang, Nguyen Stanton, Catherina Conte, Pramod Patil, Kavita Radhakrishnan, Pooja Sethi and Shubhada Saxena

Staff in Attendance: Rey Arellano, Joe Silva, Farah Muscadin, Laura Esparza, Joya Hayes, Rebecca Kennedy, Janet Silva, Rodney Crain, Sonya Alexander-Harry, Indira Nallapati,

1. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:**
   - Samira Ghosh,
   - Darlene Lanham
   - Keisha Gillis, Office of Police Monitor

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The approval of the minutes from the AAQOLAC meeting on January 15, 2019 was moved by Commissioner Yoshida and seconded by Commissioner Chen. The motion was approved 8-0 with Commissioners Saxena and Stanton not yet present.

3. **OLD BUSINESS**
   a. **Workgroup Reports**
      1. **AARC** – Workgroup report was submitted. Commissioner Cobalis provided an overview of the report.
      2. **Health** - Workgroup report was submitted. Commissioner Radhakrishnan discussed the plans for the Health Workgroup to meet with the Community Engagement Workgroup.
      3. **Arts and Culture** – No report submitted. Commissioner Patil provided a verbal update on the work of the workgroup. The workgroup may have two new members. Reported that two members of the Pune Sister City initiative travelled to Pune, India recently.
      4. **Community Engagement** – No report submitted. Sent a follow up with highlights of the Community Dialog meeting held on November 11, 2018.
      5. **Business Planning** – No report provided. The workgroup met with Austin Public Health. Commissioner Yoshida will update the budget sheet provided last month.
      6. **Human Resources** – No report provided. The workgroup met with the Asian American Employee Network (AAEN) and Network of Asian American Organizations (NAAO).

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b. **Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC)** – Commissioner Wang provided an overview of the JIC retreat. Discussed the Council's Top 10 Priorities. Will send out a survey asking for feedback for priorities for AAQOLAC.

c. **Update on the mini-grant process** – The seven award winners have been notified and a public announcement should be made by the end of the month.

d. **Follow-up Action Items**:

1. AARC Master Plan: The PARD response to questions from Schiller Liao (NAAO) was provided.

2. Update on AARC Master Plan and bridge for overflow parking lot: Laura Esparza, Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) provided an update. The next conceptual design meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2019. The commission also discussed and provided input on a proposal to add a second bridge for vehicular traffic.

4. STAFF BRIEFING

a. **Stronger Austin Initiative** – Andrea Fisher made a presentation on the Stronger Austin Initiative.

b. **Human Resources Diversity Report** – Joya Hayes made a presentation on "Employee Trends for City of Austin Employees."

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. The commission discussed the Community Budget Forum scheduled for March 13, 2019 from 6:30 – 8:00 at the Asian American Resource Center. Commissioners Yoshida and Cobalis will be meeting with budget staff to coordinate remaining logistics.

6. FUTURE AGENDA

a. Introduce Austin Fire Chief – Austin Fire Department
b. Austin Public Health contracting process
c. 2018 Bond Program – Neighborhood Housing and Community Development

7. Chair Cobalis adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:55 P.M.

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