



**ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION (AAQOLAC)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019**

The AAQOLAC convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Chair Vince Cobalis called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Vince Cobalis, Pooja Sethi, Kirk Yoshida, Peter Chao, Sarah Chen, Debasree DasGupta, Elizabeth Krause, Nguyen Stanton, Ketan Patel, Kavita Radhakrishnan, and Shubhada Saxena

Staff in Attendance:

Rey Arellano, and Joe Silva

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Charles Curry – Property tax exemption resolution

Mia Demers – Invitation to Office of Police Oversight event on July 18, 2019

Angelica Evazo – Upcoming Hispanic Quality of Life Commission events

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Yoshida moved to approve minutes from AAQOLAC meeting on May 21, 2019. Commissioner DasGupta seconded. Commissioner Radhakrishnan abstained. Vote was 10-0-1

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Workgroup Reports:

1. AARC: Commissioner DasGupta provided an update. The Parks and Recreation Department was not able to use an existing bridge at the AARC. The Master Planning process may need more community meetings. All positions at the AARC are filled. The van is making several trips per day. A Health Forum was held on April 6.
2. Health and Community Engagement Workgroup: Commissioner Radhakrishnan provided an update. The work group is preparing for the next year and will be sending a follow-up newsletter as part of its commitment to communication to the participants from the community event.
3. Arts and Culture Workgroup: Commissioner Saxena provided an update. The Austin History Center is seeking donations of pictures from the Asian-American community.
4. Business Planning Workgroup: Commissioner Yoshida provided an update. Reviewed the Annual AAQOLAC Report and discussed enhancing the Mental Health goals.

b. Joint Inclusion Committee: No discussion.

c. Review draft Commissioner Internal Review (August 2018 – July 2019) Submission: Commissioner Yoshida updated this item. Discussed with Item 3a4.

4. STAFF BRIEFING

- a. ACM Arellano provide an overview and recommendations of the report, “First Responders Response to Mental Health Incidents”.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Hailey Easley and Sang Jin Lee provided a presentation about the Austin Asian Community Health Initiative (AACHI).
- b. Discussion and possible action in support of the Land Development Code and Austin Strategic Mobility Program. Moved to a future agenda.

6. FUTURE AGENDA

Chair Cobalis discussed future items for the agenda next month.

7. ADJOURN

Chair Cobalis adjourned the meeting without any objections at 8:04 p.m.