



**ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL BOARD AND COMMISSION ROOM  
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:10 P.M.**

**Commission Members in Attendance:** Vince Cobalis, Shubhada Saxena, Aporajita Ahmed, Pramod Patil, Pooja Sethi, Kirk Yoshida, Debasree DasGupta, Kavita Radhakrishnan, Catherina Conte, Nguyen Stanton, and Peter Chao.

**Staff in Attendance:** Rey Arellano, Joe Silva, Laura Esparza, Hanna Huang, Suzanne Piper, Allan Umana,

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Farah Muscadin, Interim Police Monitor, introduced herself to the Commission and provided an update on the status of the Office of the Police Monitor operations.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Yoshida made a motion to approve the minutes from the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission (AAQOLAC) meeting on April 17, 2018.

Commissioner Radhakrishnan seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a 9-0-1 vote.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

a. ACM Arellano provide an update on the AAQOL Final Report and next steps including a staff presentation at a future Health and Human Service Committee meeting. On behalf of the Commission, the Chair thanked Dr. Yuri Jang for her work on the report.

b. Commissioner Yoshida made a motion to approve the proposed budget recommendations, seconded by Commissioner DasGupta. The Commission reviewed the proposed budget recommendations and approved the following amendments:

Recommendation G-02: Delete “city-funded”. Motion by Commissioner Yoshida, seconded by Commissioner Debasree. Approved 11-0.

Recommendation G-04: Revise recommendation from: “AARC Nonprofit Capacity Funding – \$37,500 is requested to support the dual role of Agency oversight and Community Health Navigator (CHN) Program Management. PARD has \$37,500 in ongoing funding for this purpose, which would be matched with this action.”

To: “AARC Nonprofit Capacity Funding – \$37,500 is requested to match PARD ongoing funding for AARC, Inc. nonprofit to continue the Nonprofit’s role as:

1) Oversight of AARC, Inc. Nonprofit

2) Management of Community Health Navigator Program.

PARD has \$37,500 in ongoing funding for this purpose, which would be matched with this action.”

Motion by Commissioner Stanton, seconded by Commissioner Radhakrishnan. Approved 11-0.

Recommendation S-01: Revise Amount Total from “\$100,000” to “\$160,000”. Motion by Commissioner Sethi, seconded by Commissioner Patil. Approved 11-0.

Recommendation M-01: Add: “Funding is requested to provide transportation for Asian American older adults to recreational, cultural, and community activities in Austin.” Motion by Commissioner Saxena, seconded by Commissioner Yoshida. Approved 11-0.

The budget recommendations will be forwarded to the Budget Office.

- c. No discussion
- d. Postponed to next month
- e. Commissioner Saxena made a motion to appoint Commissioner Wang as the Commission representative to the Joint Inclusion Committee, seconded by Commissioner Sethi. Approved 11-0
- f. No discussion

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

- a. Laura Esparza, Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department (PARC), provided an update on the hiring for the AARC Manager position.
- b. Suzanne Piper, Financial Services Manager, PARC, provided an update on the PARC Budget.

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

- a. Commissioner Yoshida made a motion to nominate Commissioner Sethi to participate in the hiring process for the AARC Manager position, seconded by Commissioner DasGupta. Approved on an 11-0 vote.
- b. Commissioner Sethi made a motion to nominate Commissioners Yoshida, Saxena, and Cobalis to serve as the Commission representatives and Commissioners Stanton and Radhakrishnan as alternates with the authority to collaborate with other Quality of Life Commissions to develop joint 2019 budget recommendations. Seconded by Commissioner DasGupta. Approved on an 11-0 vote.
- c. Postponed to next month
- d. Commissioner Radhakrishnan made a motion to approve a resolution recommending Support for the Sister City Initiative, seconded by Commissioner Ahmed. Approved on an 8-0-3 vote with Commissioners Patil, Saxena, and DasGupta abstaining.

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

- a. Health Status of Adult Patients using Safety Net Clinics, Travis County 016
  - b. Introduction of Language Access Coordinator and update on Language Access Program
  - c. People’s Plan to Prevent Displacement – Fred McGhee and Susana Almanza
  - d. Discussion and possible action on the Austin Veterans Art Festival
7. Commissioner Yoshida made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Patil. The vote was 11-0. Chair Cobalis adjourned the meeting at 9:18.

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