



**ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION (AAQOLAC)  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019**

The AAQOLAC convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Chair Vince Cobalis called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

**Commission Members in Attendance:**

Vince Cobalis, Pramod Patil, Pooja Sethi, Kirk Yoshida, Molly Wang, Peter Chao, Sarah Chen, Catherina Conte, Debasree DasGupta, Elizabeth Krause, and Nguyen Stanton.

**Staff in Attendance:**

Rey Arellano, and Hanh Thai

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Brett Barnes from Art Commission would like to have AAQOLAC feedback on what to do with bond money for art and music projects in community. He informed the AAQOLAC that Art & Music Commission will hold a meeting on June 8, 2019 at Asian American Resource Center (AARC) to receive feedback from community.

Keisha Gillis from Office of Police Oversight informed about the progress of this office.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Commission moved to approve the minutes from the AAQOLAC meeting on April 16, 2019 with some corrections: Commissioner Catherina Conte's name was misspelled in attendance section and change "man" to "staff" in item 3a-4. Commissioner Yoshida made the motion. Commissioner Chen seconded. Commissioner Stanton and Krause abstained. Vote was 9-0-2

Commissioner Yoshida made the motion to approve minutes from AAQOLAC meeting on February 19, 2019. Commissioner Patil seconded. Commissioner Krause, Chao, and DasGupta abstained. Vote was 8-0-3

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Workgroup Reports:**

1. No updates on AARC workgroup
2. Health and Community Engagement Workgroup: Commissioner Conte reported on this item. Last meeting went well with a big turnout. Commissioner Yoshida inquired about how to get more information on Asian employees in big firms
3. Business Planning Workgroup: no updates
4. Human Resources Workgroup: no updates

b. Joint Inclusion Committee: Commissioner Wang updated on this item. She would like to have more discussions on mental health. Chair Cobalis asked Commissioners to volunteer to replace Commissioner Wang on this Committee because she could not serve on it anymore.

c. 2020 Budget Submission: Commissioner Yoshida updated this item. Chair Cobalis suggested Commissioners to talk with council members on budget recommendations from AAQOLAC.

d. Follow-up item: Chair Cobalis and Commissioner DasGupta updated on AARC Master Plan and bridge for overflow parking

e. Information Sharing: Commissioner Stanton and Sethi shared information on community events

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

a. Chief Joel Baker of Austin Fire Department could not attend

b. Rey Arellano updated on First Response to Mental Health Incidents

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

a. Commissioner Sethi made a motion to support the City Proclamation for Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Heritage Month. Commissioner Krause seconded. Commissioner Conte abstained. Vote was 10-0-1

b. Commissioner Patil updated on Pune Sister Cities Agreement. Commissioner Yoshida motioned to approve a letter of support for the formation of the City of Austin and Pune Sister Cities. Commissioner Patil seconded. Vote was 11-0

Commissioner DasGupta left at 7:50 p.m.

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

Chair Cobalis discussed future items for the agenda next month.

#### **7. ADJOURN**

Commissioner Patil made a motion to adjourn the meeting without any objections. Chair Cobalis adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.