



## **ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019**

The Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission (AAQOLAC) convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Chair Vince Cobalis called the meeting to order at 6:09 P.M.

**Commission Members in Attendance:** Vince Cobalis, Pramod Patil, Peter Chao, Kirk Yoshida, Caterina Conte, Sarah Chen, Pooja Sethi, Kavita Radhakrishnan, Debasree DasGupta, Ketan Patel, and Shubhada Saxena.

**Staff in Attendance:** Rey Arellano, Joe Silva, and Greg Montes

### **1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:**

- Elizabeth Krause
- Fang Fang, Partnership Specialist, United States Census, U.S. Department of Commerce
- Douglas Loveday, Media Specialist, United States Census, U.S. Department of Commerce

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The approval of the minutes from the AAQOLAC Regular Meeting on March 19, 2019 and a Special Called Meeting on March 13, 2019 was approved without objection by Chair Cobalis.

### **3. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **a. Workgroup Reports**

1. **AARC** – Commissioner DasGupta provided an update and the commission discussed.
2. **Health** – The commission discussed with item 3a4-Community Engagement.
3. **Arts and Culture** – No report provide and the commission did not discuss.
4. **Community Engagement** – Commissioner Conte reminded the commission of the “Celebrasia” Event at the AARC. The Community Engagement work group will man a budget tabletop booth at the event.
5. **Business Planning** – Discussed with agenda item 5a and 5b.
6. **Human Resources** – The work group is coordinating a meeting with Human Resources staff.

**b. Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC)** – The AAQOLAC worked with the Joint Inclusion Commission to review the FY20 Budget process.

**c. Update on the mini-grant process** – Commissioner Yoshida provided comments about the mini-grant process.

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

**1. Update on AARC Master Plan and bridge for overflow parking lot:** Greg Montes provided an option to use an existing 72' bridge for use at the AARC. PARD staff would work with the Watershed Protection Department (WPD) to make sure it would not impact its channel work. The Commission indicated it could support this option pending more information. PARD will work with AARC staff on a proposed location for this bridge.

Mr. Montes informed the Commission that PARD staff were working with the consultants on the final version of the Master Plan and that the second online survey ends on Friday April 19, 2019.

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

- a. **Austin Public Health Budget Update and Contracting Process** – Stephanie Hayden, Director, Austin Public Health (APH) made a presentation entitled “Advancing Towards Equity”.

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

- a. **Discussion and possible action regarding Budget Recommendations from the Business Planning Workgroup**

Commissioner Cobalis reviewed the general budget recommendation. Commission Chen moved approval of the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Patil. The motion was approved 11-0.

Commissioner Yoshida reviewed the five budget recommendations. The recommendations were approved as amended with the following votes:

**Budget Recommendation #1: Mental Health Education, Outreach, and Service Provision**

Moved by Commissioner Radhakrishnan

Seconded by Commissioner Patil.

Approved: 10-1

For: Vince Cobalis, Pramod Patil, Peter Chao, Kirk Yoshida, Caterina Conte, Sarah Chen, Pooja Sethi, Kavita Radhakrishnan, Debasree DasGupta, and Shubhada Saxena.

Against: Ketan Patel

Abstain: None

Absent: Molly Wang, Nguyen Stanton

**Budget Recommendation #2: Transportation to City Events Pilot**

Moved by Commissioner Sethi

Seconded by Commissioner Conte

Approved: 11-0

For: Vince Cobalis, Pramod Patil, Peter Chao, Kirk Yoshida, Caterina Conte, Sarah Chen, Pooja Sethi, Kavita Radhakrishnan, Debasree DasGupta, Ketan Patel and Shubhada Saxena.

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Molly Wang, Nguyen Stanton

**Budget Recommendation #3: Install room divider for AARC Auditorium**

Moved by Commissioner Chen

Seconded by Commissioner DasGupta

Approved: 11-0

For: Vince Cobalis, Pramod Patil, Peter Chao, Kirk Yoshida, Caterina Conte, Sarah Chen, Pooja Sethi, Kavita Radhakrishnan, Debasree DasGupta, Ketan Patel and Shubhada Saxena.

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Molly Wang, Nguyen Stanton

Budget Recommendation #4: Create an Immigrant Affairs Office with at least one full-time staff person

Moved by Commissioner Saxena

Seconded by Commissioner Conte

Approved: 11-0

For: Vince Cobalis, Pramod Patil, Peter Chao, Kirk Yoshida, Caterina Conte, Sarah Chen, Pooja Sethi, Kavita Radhakrishnan, Debasree DasGupta, Ketan Patel and Shubhada Saxena.

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Molly Wang, Nguyen Stanton

Budget Recommendation #5: Budget Object Codes for Translation and Interpretation Services for All City Departments

Moved by Commissioner Chen

Seconded by Commissioner Saxena

Approved: 11-0

For: Vince Cobalis, Pramod Patil, Peter Chao, Kirk Yoshida, Caterina Conte, Sarah Chen, Pooja Sethi, Kavita Radhakrishnan, Debasree DasGupta, Ketan Patel and Shubhada Saxena.

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Molly Wang, Nguyen Stanton

**b. Discussion and possible action to authorize a Business Planning representative to submit budget recommendations**

Commissioner Chen moved that the members of the AAQOLAC Business Planning Work Group could present the budget recommendations from Agenda item 5a. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sethi and was approved 11-0.

**c. Discussion and possible action to schedule a special called meeting.** No discussion and no action.

**d. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of AAQOLAC**

Commissioner Chen nominated Commission Cobalis as the Chair of the Commission. The motion was seconded by Commission Saxena and was approved 10-0 with Commission Cobalis abstaining.

Commissioner DasGupta nominated Commissioner Saxena as the Vice Chair of the Commission. The motion was seconded by Commission Patil and was approved 10-0 with Commission Saxena abstaining.

**6. FUTURE AGENDA**

- a. Introduce Austin Fire Chief – Austin Fire Department
- b. First Response to Mental Health Incidents
- c. Austin Asian Community Health Initiative (AACHI)
- d. Resolution from Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Advisory Commission
- e. Land Development Code and Austin Strategic Mobility Program

- 7. Chair Cobalis adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:11 P.M.