



**ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION (AAQOLAC)  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, September 17, 2019**

The AAQOLAC convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Chair Vince Cobalis called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**Commission Members in Attendance:**

Vince Cobalis, Pooja Sethi, Debasree DasGupta, Shubhada Saxena, Elizabeth Krause, Peter Chao, Pramod Patil, Kirk Yoshida, Molly Wang, and Kavita Radhakrishnan

**Staff in Attendance:**

Joshua Robinson, Commissions Liaison  
Ricardo Soliz, Parks & Recreation Department Division Manager

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Schiller Liao – Parks and Recreation Long Range Plan for Land, Facilities and Programs and Free Tai Chi in Parks

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Commission moved to approve minutes from AAQOLAC meeting on August 20, 2019. Commissioner Yoshida made the motion. Commissioner DasGupta seconded. Vote was 10-0

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Workgroup Reports:**

1. Asian American Resource Center Workgroup: Commissioner DasGupta provided an update on budget allocations within the resource center, status of the kitchen, and the current vacancy of Senior Program Director.
2. Health and Community Engagement Workgroup: Commissioners Sethi and Yoshida provided an update on the joint community meeting with Office of Police Oversight and FY20 budget.
3. Arts and Culture Workgroup: Commissioner Patil provided an update on the “Diversity Band” recent performance on *Good Day Austin - Fox 7*.
4. Business Planning Workgroup: No update

**b. Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC):** Commissioner Stanton was absent from the Commission meeting to provide a JIC update.

**c. Follow-up Items:**

1. Discussion and possible action on City Council Asian American Resource Center Master Plan Resolutions: Citizen Communication – Schiller Liao, Ta Nguyen, and Christine Hoang spoke on the Asian American Resource Center Master Plan Resolution. Council Member Jimmy Flannigan discussed revisions to the Asian American Resource Center Master Plan resolution. Commissioner Wang moved to support the resolution as amended with additional direction to include language that ensures performance arts space exists on the site. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Yoshida. Vote was 11-0. (The wording of the final resolution will be posted as backup documentation to this meeting. The AARC Master Plan Resolution will be on the agenda for the City Council meeting on September 19, 2019)
2. Discussion and possible action on 2020 Budget: No action taken.

#### **4. Staff Briefing**

Parks and Recreation Long Range Plan for Land, Facilities and Programs - Ricardo Soliz  
Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Dept. (PARD) provided a briefing on the PARD Long Range Master Plan.

#### **5. New Business**

- a. Discussion and nomination of Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission Members to be recommended to Council for the purpose of serving on the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC). – Commissioners did not vote on the JIC nomination. The vote will be placed on the October meeting agenda.
- b. Information Sharing: Commissioners Sethi and Saxena provided information to share. Chair Cobalis requested that information sharing be provided to the Liaison in advance of the meeting, so it can be included in the backup documentation.

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

- a. Recommendations for “First Responder Mental Health Calls for Service” report, Rey Arellano, Assistant City Manager and BJ Wagner, Meadows Mental Health Initiative
- b. Discussion and possible action in support of the Land Development Code and Austin Strategic Mobility Program. (Pooja Sethi)
- c. AAQOLAC Strategic Planning (Session 2)
- d. Nomination to Council for the purpose of serving on the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC).

#### **7. ADJOURN**

Chair Cobalis adjourned the meeting without any objections at 8:00 p.m.