



**ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION (AAQOLAC)  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, November 19, 2019**

The AAQOLAC convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 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, Shubhada Saxena, Pooja Sethi, Ketan Patel, Kirk Yoshida, Nguyen Stanton, Catherina Conte, Sarah Chen, Pramod Patil, and Kavita Radhakrishnan

**Staff in Attendance:**

Rey Arellano, Assistant City Manager  
Joshua Robinson, Commissions Liaison

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:**

Aletta Sung –Executive Director, Asian Contractor Association

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Commission moved to approve minutes from AAQOLAC meeting on October 15, 2019. Commissioner Yoshida made the motion. Commissioner Radhakrishnan seconded. Vote was 10-0

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Workgroup Reports:**

1. Asian American Resource Center Workgroup: No update besides AARC Performance Measures.
2. Health and Community Engagement Workgroup: Commissioners Cobalis and Yoshida provided an update over the Mental Health Project Meeting.
3. Arts and Culture Workgroup: Commissioner Patil provided an update on keeping high school students engaged in Asian-American arts.
4. Business Planning Workgroup: Commissioner Yoshida provided an update over the Quality of Life Budget Workshop.

b. Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC): Commissioner Stanton provided an update. The JIC extended the Mini-Grant Scoring process deadline to Wednesday, November 6. Commissioner Stanton provided an update on JIC effort to revise their bylaws.

**c. Follow-up Items:**

1. Strategic Planning Session – The strategic planning session notes were not available.

2. Identify projects and initiatives for the year – The commissioners identified Mental Health and Human Resources as future projects.
3. Update on AARC Masterplan
  - a. Next Steps - Commissioners reviewed and discussed the updates for the AARC Master Plan schedule. The document was provided in the backup.
  - b. Bridge update

### **3. Staff Briefing**

- a. Melissa Ayala, Waterloo Greenway Community Engagement & Government Relations Manager - Melissa Ayala provided a project update and shared information on our upcoming community programs at the Waterloo Greenway.

### **4. New Business**

- a. John Lawler, Travis County Census Program Manager – John Lawler provided an update on efforts at the national and local levels to engage and prepare communities for the upcoming 2020 Census.
- b. Discussion and possible action to recommend including training to increase cultural awareness and sensitivity as part of the EMS Community Health Paramedic Training Requirements. – Jasper Brown and Andy Hoffmeister discussed the EMS Community Health Paramedic Training Requirements. No action taken
- c. The Land Development Code and Austin Strategic Mobility Program. - Commissioner Yoshida made a motion to approve with edits the resolution related to the Land Development Code. Commissioner Conte seconded. Vote was 10-0.
- d. Information Sharing: Commissioners Cobalis and Sethi provided information to share.

### **5. FUTURE AGENDA**

- a. Introduction of Assistant City Manager Chris Shorter
- b. Austin Public Health briefing on 2020 Mental Health Initiative and 2019 funding results
- c. Discussion and possible action on a date for the commission's Community Engagement meeting

### **6. ADJOURN**

Chair Cobalis adjourned the meeting without any objections at 8:14 p.m.