

AARC Workgroup meeting for the AAQoL

Friday, May 15, 12:00pm -1:00 pm

In attendance: Vince Cobalis, Sona Shah, Schiller Liao, Kirk Yoshida, Debasree DasGupta.

Discussion on the AARC Phase 11 Master plan

A request was made by CPRP director Kimberly Mcneely to delay the Commission support letter for a CMAR project to the city Council meeting scheduled for May 21st. Shared use of the adjacent Rutherford campus with the AARC campus would require a site review which has already been delayed. Also, there is a possibility for an EDA funding that could help supplement the AARC plan. Kimberly is trying to identify someone from PARD who could explore this opportunity.

Schiller Liao spoke about the funding received from EDA towards construction of the AARC and will be looking for the application proposal from 2001

Sona to follow up on it as well.

Use of the adjacent campus would reduce parking requirements at the AARC campus, however it would require changes made to the original design.

An architect has not been selected yet.

Sona to check on Christina Bies on how the timeline could be affected.

Updates from the Center by Sona:

Some of the programs need to be adjusted given the current situation.

The senior program cannot be started until a vaccine for COVID becomes available.

The Meals on Wheels contract is still ongoing.

Any available resources are being shared with the seniors

Events held when the Center reopens need to be adjusted according to spacing guidelines.

Summer camps have not yet been cancelled but parents are being notified about the uncertainty. Refunds might have to be made.

Developing virtual programs about racial issues and mental health.

Exhibits are not being put up and the deadline for Call for Artists is being extended.

Request to Commissioners for ideas for additional programs etc.

Budget:

There have been some budget cuts this year, however they have been able to allocate funds for a new projector the Center needed.

Savings from the Senior meals program is being used towards translation and interpretation services.

