



**ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION (AAQOLAC)
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES OF FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2020**

The AAQOLAC convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, FRIDAY, April 10, 2020

Chair Vince Cobalis called the Commission Meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

COMMISSION MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Vince Cobalis, Sarah Chen, Kuo Yang, Kirk Yoshida, Shubhada Saxena, Kavita Radhakrishnan, Hanna Huang, Debasree DasGupta, Pramod Patil and Pooja Sethi

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Rey Arellano, Assistant City Manager
Joshua Robinson, Commissions Liaison (Equity Office)

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

Sanjna Malpani – Asian American Health Initiative
Reshmi Chowdhury – Virtual Music Event

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Commission did not take up the minutes from the AAQOLAC meeting on February 18, 2020.

2. OLD BUSINESS

a. Workgroup Reports:

1. Asian American Resource Center (AARC) Workgroup: See workgroup meeting notes in backup material
2. Health and Community Engagement Workgroup: No update provided.
3. Arts and Culture Workgroup: No update provided.
4. Business Planning Workgroup: No updated provided.
 - Budget timeline/process
 - Budget Recommendations

b. Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC): No update provided.

c. Follow-up Items:

1. Update on AARC Masterplan: No update
2. Update on AARC Bridge: No update provided.
3. Results from prior Mini-Grant awards and Update on upcoming Equity Mini-Grant application and timeline – Commission Liaison, Joshua Robinson provided an update. Listen to audio
4. Asian language access to proposed Land Development Code revisions – No action taken.

3. STAFF BRIEFING

Status of the Immigrant Affairs position in the Equity Office – Commission Liaison Joshua Robinson provided an update. Listen to audio.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and possible action to provide a letter of support to utilize the Contract Management At Risk (CMAR) process for the next phase of Asian American Resource Center construction. (supported by the AARC Oversight Workgroup - Commissioner Cobalis moved the commission support the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Project Delivery Method for the Asian American Resource Center (AARC) Master Plan Phase 2 Project. Commissioner Chen seconded. Vote was 11-0.

b. Discussion and possible action to support the amendment to the Parks and Recreation Department contract with Meals on Wheels and More to provide meals for the Senior Program at the Asian American Resource Center (AARC). Supported by the AARC Oversight Workgroup and reviewed by the Commission in December 2019 – Commissioner DasGupta moved to support the amendment to the Parks and Recreation Department contract with Meals on Wheels and to provide more meals for the Senior Program at the Asian American Resource Center (AARC). Commissioner Chen seconded. Vote was 11-0.

c. Discussion and possible action to support the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Advisory Commission resolution to provide a formal equity assessment of the proposed Land Development Code – Commission did not take action.

d. Discussion and possible action regarding 2021 Budget Recommendations – Commissioner Cobalis moved to submit 2021 Budget Recommendations. Commissioner Chen seconded. Vote was 11-0.

e. Discussion and possible action to authorize a Business Planning Workgroup representative to finalize and submit the Commission's budget recommendations. – Commissioner Chen moved to select Commissioner Kirk Yoshida as the Business Planning Workgroup representative to finalize and submit the Commission's budget recommendations. Commissioner Saxena seconded. Vote was 11-0.

f. Information Sharing – Commissioner Saxena, Yang, Chen, and Patil provided information to share.

5. FUTURE AGENDA

a. Analysis of APD's Racial Profiling Data joint report and update on the new Community Police Review Commission (Maya Guevara – Office of Police Oversight)

b. Review the APD Safe Place Initiative

c. Austin Public Health briefing on the Social Services Audit Report and 2021 Budget initiatives.

6. ADJOURN

Chair Cobalis adjourned the meeting without any objections at 2:28 p.m.