

AARC Workgroup meeting for the AAQoL

Tuesday, November 10. 12:00-1:00pm

In attendance: Sona Shah, Schiller Liao, Kirk Yoshida, Debasree DasGupta, Thuy Nguyen, Shruti Anand

1. Focus group with AISD and the AARC.

Sona Shah of the AARC spoke about AISD reaching out to her regarding a focus group for Asian/American families in Austin to take a look at families struggling with racial equity and other issues. In order to ensure that all students have access to what is required to succeed in school, the focus group has arranged for a conversation with the office of Equity for AISD and is inviting folks from the community to join this discussion and provide input.

This conversation is scheduled for Dec 6th from 1-3pm via zoom.

2. Discussion on Phase 11 of the AARC masterplan.

Kirk Yoshida, Vince Cobalis and others met with Greg Cannali and Kimberly McNeely of PARD regarding progress of Phase 11. The project is ready to move as it stands although the delivery method needs to be determined. It also needs to be seen how the council feels about this at the moment. Another study is probably necessary regarding the Rutherford Campus collaboration but at the moment they are willing to move forward with the initial project.

3. The Pedestrian Bridge project.

Kimberly McNeely of PARD provided a status update via email on the project with the Watershed Protection Department. They have issued a third design iteration for stakeholder review with the final PER projected to be completed in March 2021. The costs of the survey for the pedestrian bridge is estimated to be at \$40,000 and the bond money is being used towards these efforts. Once location of bridge and other necessary matters have been determined, PARD will need to coordinate and complete an easement agreement with the Rutherford campus for maintenance etc.

