

AARC Workgroup meeting for the AAQoL

Tuesday, December 8. 12:00-1:00pm

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

### **1. Update on AARC activities:**

An annual report on the Center has been put together to be viewed by those interested.

Monthly music series being streamed via zoom.

Virtual holiday being planned. Working with transportation to deliver stockings to the Seniors

The staff is looking at issues such as struggles with isolation

Book club readings and mindfulness exercises are being planned

### **2. Focus group with AISD and the AARC:**

6 people joined the zoom conversation that was held on Dec 6<sup>th</sup> via zoom. Shane Whalley, Community equity and inclusion coordinator lead the conversation. AACHI has been contacted as well. There is a need for improvements to be made on technology, particularly related to portals being used.

Thuy had an inquiry on the protocol to address incidents of bias. Sona to follow-up with Shane.

There is a need for dual language access, especially in the east side of Austin

### **3. AARC Phase II Project:**

Councilman Jimmy Flannigan felt that the CMAR resolution should be addressed without delay

However, alignment with the Rutherford campus has been delayed.

The councilman suggests that construction of the building should proceed such that future expansions could be possible.

There is some concern about ease of implementing that. A discussion might be needed with Riley.

The bridge will take time. Watershed needs to go through department process before making commitments.

