



**ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION (AAQoL)
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING ON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022
MEETING MINUTES**

The AAQOLAC convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 via hybrid format, hosted online for most participants, with select in-person participants meeting in the Boards & Commissions Room at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Yoshida called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Kirk Yoshida, Sarah Chen, Vincent Cobalis, Fang Fang, Hanna Huang, Meena Mutyala, Pramod Patil, Pooja Sethi, and Kuo Yang.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Rey Arellano, Assistant City Manager
Jeremy Garza, Commissions Liaison, Equity Office
Linda Hayes, MuniProg Professional, Economic Development

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION GENERAL:

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consider approval of minutes from the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission (AAQOLAC) meetings on:

- a. November 16, 2021
- b. NOT APPROVED – UNABLE TO FIND!
- c. Linda Hayes confirms minutes from November have been lost.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Workgroup/Project Reports
 1. Asian American Resource Center (AARC) Workgroup
 2. Health and Community Engagement Workgroup

3. Arts & Culture Workgroup
4. Human Resources Workgroup
5. Business Planning Workgroup
6. Public Safety / Policing Project
- b. Update on the Joint Inclusion Committee meeting (Commissioner Cobalis)
- c. Follow-up Items:
 1. Update on AARC Master Plan (Commissioner Cobalis)
 2. Update on FY 2023 Budget Recommendation Process (Commissioner Yoshida): The Boards recommendations are DUE March 31st and need to be approved at the next commission meeting on March 15th, 2022.
 3. Update on Commissioner Vacancies & Work Group Members (Commissioner Yoshida)
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3. STAFF BRIEFING:

- a. Equitable Transit-Oriented Development (Laura Keating/Housing & Planning and Anna Lan/CapMetro)
- b. Rain To River Initiative (Sari Albornoz/Watershed Protection Department) ***Need to connect Sari to the Community Engagement Group of AAQoL Commission.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Update from American Gateways (Edna Yang) – Legal Services & Advocacy group...formerly the Political Asylum Project of Austin...Will follow up with Kirk.
- b. Discussion and possible action on a recommendation to City Council regarding the activation of the Joint Cultural Committee
- c. Discussion and possible action on the appointment of Commissioners to serve on the JCC Work Group: VOTE to Appoint of Pramod and Hannah to JCC (Joint Cultural Commission Workgroup). Passes unanimously.
- d. Discussion and possible action on the election of officers to the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission
- e. Discussion and possible action on the update to commission bylaws to reflect the new language (replacing “citizen” with “public” on all documentation) passed by City Hall and made effective on February 28th, 2022.

5. INFORMATION SHARING

6. FUTURE AGENDA

- a. Language Access Program Update (CPIO)

- b. Equitable Historic Preservation Plan
- c. New Police Chief – Fast Briefing

7. ADJOURNMENT

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