



ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE COMMISSION
APRIL 19th, 2022 at 6:00 PM
Austin City Hall
Boards & Commissions Room
301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, TX
Meeting Minutes

Some members of the Commission may be participating by videoconference. Public comment and attendance will be allowed in person or via telephone. Remote speakers must register in advance (April 18 by Noon). All public comment will occur at the beginning of the meeting. To speak or attend remotely, residents must: telephone call or email the Equity Office's Commission/Neighborhood Liaison, Jeremy Garza, at (512) 978-1797 or jeremy.garza@austintexas.gov, no later than 12pm-noon on Monday, April 18th, 2022. The information required is the speaker's name, item number(s) they wish to speak on, whether they are for/against/neutral, email address and telephone number (must be the same number that will be used to call into the meeting).

BOARD MEMBERS:

District	Commissioner	District	Commissioner
1	Kirk Yoshida (Chair)	9	Salimah Shamsuddin
2	Azra Siddiqi	10	Meena Mutyala
3	Kuo Yang	Mayor	Hanna Huang
4	VACANT	At-Large	Pramod Patil
5	Vincent Cobalis	At-Large	Pooja Sethi
6	Fang Fang	At-Large	Zahra Shakur Jamal-Hassan
7	VACANT	At-Large	Sarah Chen (Vice-Chair)
8	VACANT		

CALL TO ORDER:

Kirk Yoshia called the meeting to order at 6:27pm

ROLL CALL:

Present:

- Kirk Yoshida
- Pramod Patil
- Vincent Cobalis
- Hanna Huang
- Sarah Chen
- Kuo Yang

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- Zahra Shakur Jamal-Hassan
- Azra Siddiqui

Absent:

- Fang Fang
- Salimah Shamsuddin

PUBLIC 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. March 28th, 2022 (Special Called Meeting)
 - i. Motion by Vince Cobalis
 - ii. Seconded by Sarah Chen
 - iii. All in favor. No Objections. Abstain Pramod.
 - iv. Edits: New Business – agenda items we don't discuss...should they say they were not discussed. Postponed.

2. STAFF BRIEFING

- a. Staff Briefing on APD Body-Worn & Dashboard Camera Program by Karla Peredo & Lindsay Southard, Community Engagement Specialist, Office of Police Oversight (OPO).
- ~~b. Presentation from Northwest Austin Universal Health Clinic by Dr. Sanjna Malpani.~~
 - i. Presentation Postponed

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Workgroup/Project Report
 - i. Asian American Resource Center (AARC) Workgroup
 - ii. Health and Community Engagement Workgroup
 - iii. Arts & Culture Workgroup
 - iv. Human Resources Workgroup
 - v. Business Planning Workgroup
 - vi. Public Safety / Policing Project

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- b. Update on the Joint Inclusion Committee Meeting(s) – Commissioner Cobais
- c. Update on AARC Master Plan – Commissioner Cobalis
- d. Update on the Joint Cultural Committee – Possible action on a recommendation to City Council regarding the activation of the Joint Cultural Committee. (Hannah & Sarah; Council Approved, but Commission Never Activated)
- e. Update on FY 2023 Budget Recommendation Process – Commissioner Yoshida
 - i. Discussion and possible action on further budget endorsements from the JIC.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. April Elections: Discussion and possible action on the election of officers to the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission.
 - i. Vote on CHAIR
 - 1. Motion by Pooja to nominate to name Kirk Yosha
 - 2. Seconded by Sarah Chen
 - 3. Discussion or alternate nominations. None.
 - 4. All in favor, no opposed, Kirk Abstain
 - 5. Motion Passed.
 - ii. Vote on Vice-Chair
 - 1. Nominate Sarah Chen by Vince Coablis
 - 2. Seconded by Commissioner Patil
 - 3. Any Discussion. None.
 - 4. All in favor. Sarah Chen Abstain, None Opposed.
 - 5. Motion Passed.
- b. Discussion and possible action to recommend a City Proclamation declaring May 2022 as Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month.
 - i. Vote on Proclamation – 5th or 14th
 - 1. Motion Vince
 - 2. Second Pooja
 - 3. All in favor. None abstain. None opposed. Motion Passes.

5. INFORMATION SHARING

- a. Open Mic for Commissioners to share information with each other, especially regarding future agenda and pending deadlines on action items.

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- i. Wednesday May 4th, 2022 – 22nd Annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration from 11:30am to 1:00pm at the Palmer Event Center – 900 Barton Springs Rd. (to RSVP → <https://forms.office.com/g/jpcsqz3FDQ>)
- ii. Tuesday May 17th, 2022 – WiseUp TX is hosting an online event on Facebook Live entitled “Civis & Chair: South Asians Running for Office” from 7-8:30pm. (Link to event: <https://fb.me/e/2tS7t8e2J>) (www.wiseuptx.org)
- iii. May 21 Austin Beerworks – Asian Beer
- iv. Indian America IAct May 7th annual big
- v. May 22nd – Pooja AAPI Town Hall

6. FUTURE AGENDA

- a. Staff Briefing on APD Safe Place Initiative by Gui Fung & Christian Mendoza from the Austin Police Department’s Office of Community Liaison. (Confirmed for May 2022).
- b. PARD Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Presentation by Ed Morris & Vanorda Richardson (Confirmed for June 2022).
- c. Staff Briefing on Disparity Report Outcomes by Eddie Bynog, Public Information (July or August)
- d. Language Access Program Update from CPIO (Tentatively June 2022).
- e. Specialist Senior at the Small & Minority Business Resources Department (SMBR) (Postponed till July or August 2022)
- f. Presentation from Northwest Austin Universal Health Clinic by Dr. Sanjna Malpani (Postponed from April, Reschedule is TBD)
- g. Request for HRD report to the commission. (Banner Reports/HJRMS on Demographics?)
- h. Annual Report is Due in July

7. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:25pm

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