

ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES:

JULY 19th, 2022



ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE COMMISSION

July 19th, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Austin City Hall

Boards & Commissions Room

301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, TX

Regular Commission Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

This meeting is being held in a hybrid format, and some members of the Commission may be participating by videoconference. Public comment will be allowed in-person or via telephone. Remote speakers must register in advance (July 18th by 12pm-Noon). All public comments will occur at the beginning of the meeting and public speakers will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. To speak or attend remotely, residents must contact the Equity Office's Commission/Neighborhood Liaison, Jeremy Garza, no later than 12pm-noon on Monday, July 18th, 2022. Please telephone call at (512) 978-1797 or email jeremy.garza@austintexas.gov. The information required is the speaker's name, the 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	Lily Trieu +	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		

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MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order by Chair Kirk Yoshida at: 6:08pm

Roll Call:

Present:

- Kirk Yoshida
- Sarah Chen
- Kuo Yang
- Lily Trieu
- Vincent Cobalis
- Fang Fang
- Meena Mutyala
- Hanna Huang
- Zahra Shakur Jamal-Hassan

Absent:

- *Pooja Sethi*
- *Azra Siddiqi*
- *Salimah Shamsuddin*
- *Pramod Patil*

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first ten 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.

- Public Communication from Carlos A Soto, a Research Analyst at the [Community Advancement Network](#) (CAN) - **July 2022**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the COMMISSION'S REGULAR MEETING on June 21 & April 19th, 2022. TABLED!

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STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff Presentation from the Parks & Recreation Department (PARD) on their Fiscal Year Budget w/ Ed Morris – Financial Analyst III, & Vanorda Richardson – Financial Manager III.
3. Staff Presentation from Project Connect on Anti-Displacement Measures w/ Julie Smith: City of Austin Housing & Planning Community Engagement Specialist (Also presenting: Rachel Tepper & Ursula Henderson)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Discussion of FY22-23 Budget Process, Recommendations and Endorsements – Including announcement on JIC's Special Called Meeting on July 20th 3-5pm for a presentation from the Budget Office on the City Manager's FY22-23 Draft Budget.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Discussion, review and possible action regarding the Asian American Quality of Life Commission's Annual Internal Review for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.
6. Discussion and possible action on a resolution recommending to Council that the process for selecting the next Chief Equity Officer include community and commission input and participation.
 - a. Motion by Sarah Chen to approve the resolution. Seconded by Vincent Cobalis. Question by Meena, Question by Lily, no abstentions, passes unanimously.
7. Discussion about 4th Street LGBTQ Historic Preservation & Possible Action on endorsing community letter in support of LGBTQ Businesses on 4th Street (post to website) Tabled to July 2022. More information is needed from LGBTQ Commission. Fang Fang will get information from the LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce. Follow-up delegated to the Business Workgroup.

WORKING GROUPS/COMMITTEE UPDATES

8. Asian American Resource Center (AARC) Workgroup / Including Update on AARC Master Plan –
 - a. Update from Commissioner Cobalis: Architect & contractor is lined up, big problem remaining is funding, including a gap for what is needed for a 350 seat performance hall. Right now they are trying to figure out how to allocate the 4-7 million they have, but the total need is 15 million. Another Bond may need to be

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issued later down the road. Commissioner Huang concerned there is no route for securing additional funding. Commissioner Trieu may Join this workgroup.

9. Health and Community Engagement Workgroup
10. Arts & Culture Workgroup
 - a. August 20th Event hosted by Austin - Oita Sisters City Committee
11. Human Resources Workgroup
12. Business Planning Workgroup
13. Public Safety / Policing Project
14. Joint Inclusion Committee – Commissioner Cobalis
15. Commissioner Vacancies & Workgroup Members – Commissioner Yoshida

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

16. Call for items from Committee members:
 - a. Presentation from the Small & Minority Business Resources (SMBR) Department on the City of Austin's 2022 Disparity Study - by Public Information Specialist Senior Eddie Bynog & Executive Director Edward Campos and/or Assistant Executive Director Tamela Saldana – **August 2022**
 - b. CapMetro Presentation on Fare Capping & Equifare Transit Equity Programs w/ Grace Nguyen and Edna Parra – **August 2022**
 - c. Staff Presentation from the ATX Walk Bike Roll project team (ATXWBR) on the joint effort between the Public Works Department (PWD) and Austin Transportation Department (ATD) to update Austin's sidewalk, urban trails, bicycle plans; and guide the direction of City Council's Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP) by Craig McColloch & Katie Wettick - **September 2022**
 - d. Human Resources Department Staff Report Update **(TBD)**
 - e. Northwest Austin Universal Health Clinic (Dr. Sanjna Malpani) **(TBD)**
 - f. Language Access Program Update from CPIO **(TBD)**
 - g. Austin Public Health Department on Budget **(TBD)**

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- h. Activation of the Joint Cultural Committee (TBD)
- i. YWCA – Mental Health Contract with APH for Asian American Mental Health Services.

ADJOURNMENT

17. The meeting is adjourned at: 7:54

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The minutes were approved at the 08/16/2022 regular meeting on COMMISSIONER Sarah Chen's motion, and COMMISSIONER Fang Fang second on a unanimous vote.