



**ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION (AAQOLAC)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021**

The AAQOLAC convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Chair Yoshida called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Vince Cobalis, Sarah Chen, Hanna Huang, Kirk Yoshida, Nguyen Stanton, Pramod Patil, Shubhada Saxena, Pooja Sethi, and Debasree DasGupta.

Staff in Attendance:

Rey Arellano, Assistant City Manager

Joshua Robinson, Interim Senior Executive Assistant (Office of the City Manager)

Citizen Communication:

Council Member Fuentes – Introduction

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commission moved to approve minutes from AAQOLAC meeting on December 22, 2020 with minor changes. Chair Yoshida motioned. Commissioner Cobalis seconded. Vote was 9-0.

2. OLD BUSINESS

a. Workgroup Reports:

1. Asian American Resource Center (AARC) Workgroup: Commissioner DasGupta and Commissioner Cobalis provided an update.
2. Health and Community Engagement Workgroup: Update provided in the backup documents.
3. Arts and Culture Workgroup: Commissioner Patil provided an update.
4. Human Resources Workgroup: Chair Yoshida provided an update.
5. Business Planning Workgroup: No update provided.

b. Update on the Joint Inclusion Committee Meeting– The JIC meeting was not held in the month of January.

c. Follow-up Items:

1. Update on the AARC Master Plan
2. Update on the FY 2020 Budget Recommendations

3. STAFF BRIEFING

None this month.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Update on the AACHI Community Navigator Program (Hailey Easley) - Executive Director of the Austin Asian Community Health Initiative Hailey Easley provided an update on the AACHI Community Navigator Program. Presentation is in the back up materials.
- b. Update on the American Gateways 2020 City Contract for Immigrant Legal Services (Edna Yang) - Co-Executive Director of Legal Advocacy for Immigrant Survivors Edna Yang provided an update on the American Gateways 2020 City Contract for Immigrant Legal Services.
- c. Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution in Support of the City of Austin's 2020 Legislative Agenda – The Commission voted to approve resolution in Support of the City of Austin's Legislative Agenda. Moved by Commissioner Cobalis, Seconded by Commissioner Chen. Unanimous on a 9-0 vote (Commissioners Huang, Chen, Yoshida, DasGupta, Cobalis, Saxena, Sethi, Stanton, and Patil)

5. INFORMATION SHARING

- a. Commissioner Cobalis and Saxena

6. FUTURE AGENDA

6. ADJOURN

Chair Yoshida adjourned the meeting without any objections at 8:20 p.m.