



## **ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION (AAQOLAC) REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021**

The AAQOLAC convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Chair Yoshida called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

### **Commission Members in Attendance:**

Vince Cobalis, Sarah Chen, Kirk Yoshida, Hanna Huang, Pramod Patil, Shubhada Saxena, Molly Wang, Nguyen Stanton, and Debasree DasGupta

### **Staff in Attendance:**

Rey Arellano, Assistant City Manager  
Joshua Robinson, Interim Senior Executive Assistant (Office of the City Manager)  
Marion Sanchez, Public Information Manager (Communication & Public Information Office)  
Houmma Garba, Language Access Coordinator (Communication & Public Information Office)  
Vanorda Richardson, Financial Manager (Parks & Recreation)  
Nicholas Johnson, Financial Analyst (Parks & Recreation)

### **Citizen Communication:**

N/A

## **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Commission moved to approve minutes from AAQOLAC meeting on January 22, 2021 and March 16, 2021, with minor changes. Commissioner Chen motioned. Commissioner Huang seconded. Vote was 9-0.

## **2. OLD BUSINESS**

### **a. Workgroup Reports:**

1. Asian American Resource Center (AARC) Workgroup: Update provided in the backup document.
2. Health and Community Engagement Workgroup: Update provided in the backup materials.
3. Arts and Culture Workgroup: Update provided in the backup materials.
4. Human Resources Workgroup: No update provided.

5. Business Planning Workgroup: No update provided.
- b. Update on the Joint Inclusion Committee Meeting – Commissioner Stanton provided an update.
- c. Follow-up Items:
  1. Update on the AARC Master Plan – Update provided in the backup materials.
  2. Update on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Budget Recommendation Process

### **3. STAFF BRIEFING**

- a. Update on language access from the Communication & Public Information Office (Houma Garba & Marion Sanchez)
- b. Presentation by Parks and Recreation Department concerning the department’s proposed budget

### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and possible action on withdrawing the AARC Master Plan Phase 2 Community Engagement Consultant for Design Phase from the Commission's FY 2022 budget recommendations. - The Commission voted to withdrawal the AARC Master Plan Phase 2 Community Engagement Consultant for Design Phase from the Commission's FY 2022 budget recommendations. Moved by Commissioner Cobalis, Seconded by Commissioner DasGupta. Unanimous on a 9-0 vote (Commissioners Huang, Chen, Yoshida, DasGupta, Cobalis, Saxena, Stanton, Wang, and Patil)
- b. Discussion and possible action on an additional FY 2022 budget recommendation for a Business Process Consultant position at the Equity Office - The Commission voted to include an additional FY 2022 budget recommendation for a Business Process Consultant position at the Equity Office. Moved by Commissioner Cobalis, Seconded by Commissioner Huang. Unanimous on a 9-0 vote (Commissioners Huang, Chen, Yoshida, DasGupta, Cobalis, Saxena, Stanton, Wang, and Patil)
- c. Discussion and possible action on the selection of a Community Stakeholder Commissioner. - The Commission voted on the selection of a Community Stakeholder Commissioner. Moved by Commissioner Chen, Seconded by Commissioner Stanton. Unanimous on a 9-0 vote (Commissioners Huang, Chen, Yoshida, DasGupta, Cobalis, Saxena, Stanton, Wang, and Patil)
- d. Discussion and possible action on a resolution denouncing hate crimes and acts bigotry against Asian Americans and calling upon the City of Austin to confirm its commitment to the safety of its Asian American community. – The Commission voted to approve a resolution denouncing hate crimes and acts bigotry against Asian Americans and calling upon the City of Austin to confirm its commitment to the safety of its Asian American community. Moved by Commissioner Stanton, Seconded by Commissioner Patil. Unanimous on a 9-0 vote (Commissioners Huang, Chen, Yoshida, DasGupta, Cobalis, Saxena, Stanton, and Patil) Commissioner Wang not present for the vote.

### **5. INFORMATION SHARING**

a. Commissioner Saxena and Cobalis

**6. FUTURE AGENDA**

**6. ADJOURN**

Chair Yoshida adjourned the meeting without any objections at 8:30 p.m.