



**ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF FRIDAY, JUNE 06, 2014**

The Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Friday, June 06, 2014 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Executive Liaison Rey Arellano called the Board Meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Vince Cobalis, Richard Jung, Miyong Kim, Sonia Kotecha, Thuy Nguyen, Lesley Varghese, Richard Yuen

**Staff in Attendance:** Rey Arellano, Sarah Chen, Robin Otto, Myrna Rios

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There were no minutes to be approved at this meeting.

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to be discussed at this meeting.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Opening Remarks**

Executive Liaison, Assistant City Manager (ACM) Rey Arellano welcomed Commission Members to the initial meeting of the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission (AAQOLAC), introduced Staff Liaison Sarah Chen and Assistant to the Assistant City Manager Robin Otto.

**b. Introduction**

Commission Members briefly introduced their professional affiliation and community involvement, as well as their respective Council sponsors to serve on the Commission.

**c. Election of the Commission Officers**

Commission Members unanimously elected Richard Jung to be Chair of the AAQOLAC.

Commission Members unanimously elected Vince Cobalis to be Vice Chair of the AAQOLAC.

**d. Discussion and Possible Action on the Draft Commission By-Laws**

Robin Otto, Assistant to ACM Rey Arellano, presented Commission Members the Draft By-Laws and reported that any amendments to the By-Laws would need to be approved by the Audit and Finance Committee; and explained the difference between a Committee and a Working Group. Myrna Rios, Assistant City Clerk, clarified that changes to By-Laws will require approval by Audit and Finance Committee which meets monthly, that a Committee would require staff support, a quorum and posting of meeting agenda; whereas Working Groups are limited to up to 3 Commission Members (no quorum) and allow for public participation on the working group.

Commission Members inquired about terms and possible extension of terms in light of the change in Council composition. Staff will clarify for the Commission in next month's meeting.

Recommendation amending Article 7. Meetings, Section D of By-Laws to reflect the commission shall meet "monthly" was approved on Commissioner Vince Cobalis motion, Commissioner Miyong Kim second on a 7-0 vote.

Commission members discussed to amend Article 8. Committees/Working Groups as follows: Recommendation amending Article 8. Committees/Working Groups of By-Laws to reflect Section A under COMMITTEES to read "(A) The Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission shall have the following committees: Asian American Quality of Life Community Assessment Committee" was approved on Commissioner Miyong Kim motion, Commissioner Vince Cobalis second on a 7-0 vote.

Recommendation establishing an AARC Needs Working Group was approved on Commissioner Lesley Varghese motion, Commissioner Vince Cobalis second on a 7-0 vote

**e. Discussion of Possible Action Regarding Current Efforts Related to the Asian American Quality of Life Initiative, Draft Scope of Work for the AAQOL Initiative**

Recommendation seeking proposal from the University of Texas (UT) with mandates for UT to include Asian American community in outreach plan and to include four research sources external to UT for literature search, was approved on Commissioner Richard Jung motion, Commissioner Richard Yuen second on a 7-0 vote.

**f. Date and Time of Future Meetings**

Commission Members set the second Thursday of the month after 5:00 p.m. for future meeting time. Location to be determined after staff research of availability and recommendation.

**g. Future Agenda Items**

Commission Members discussed agenda items for July 10, 2014 meeting. Three items have been tentatively placed on the agenda:

- 1) Formal motion to appoint Commission Members to the Asian American Quality of Life Community Assessment Committee
- 2) Update on Scope of Work for the AAQOL Initiative
- 3) Discuss civil rights issues in Asian American community (ICE secured community issue)

The following Commission Members signed up to serve on the standing committee (Asian American Quality of Life Community Assessment Committee): Richard Yuen, Miyong Kim, Thuy Nguyen, and Sonia Kotecha. The following Commission Members expressed interest to be in the AARC Needs Working Group: Vince Cobalis, Richard Jung, and Thuy Nguyen.

**5. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

There was no citizen communication at this meeting.

**6. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

There were no staff briefings at this meeting.

**7. ADJOURN**

Chair *Richard Jung* adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p.m. without objection.