ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2016

The Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Vice Chair Vince Cobalis called the Board Meeting to order at 06:09 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:
Aletta Banks, Vince Cobalis, Janki DePalma, Richard Jung (arrived at 6:09p.m.), Sonia Kotecha, Charles Lu, Shubhada Saxena, Kara Takasaki, Kirk Yoshida

Staff in Attendance: Sarah Chen, Marion Sanchez, Laura Esparza

1. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**
   Mr. Schiller Liao addressed the Commission regarding his intent to discuss agenda items 1, 2 and 3a, and stated he would have handouts for item 3a.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   Mr. Schiller Liao discussed page 3 paragraph 2 of the draft minutes referencing a comment from Chair Jung regarding separating Taiwanese data from Chinese data when reporting results. The Taiwanese community understood it as excluding the Taiwanese data whereas it was a hypothetical comment regarding how the separation of data may not rank issues in these two groups fairly compared to combined data. Mr. Liao will convey to the Taiwanese community no data would be excluded.

   There were two changes to the June 21, 2016 meeting draft minutes. Commissioner Yoshida stated he was not late for the meeting and voted for approval of minutes, and requested his name be removed from the arriving late reference, as well as removal of time referencing his arrival time. Recommendation to approve the June 21, 2016 meeting minutes as presented in draft form with the two changes was approved on Commissioner Vince Cobalis motion, Commissioner Janki DePalma second on a 9-0 vote.

   Vice Chair Cobalis turned the meeting over to Chair Jung at 6:18pm.

3. **OLD BUSINESS**
   a. **Update on the AAQOL Initiative**
   Marion Sanchez provided update on the community engagement results and reported that entire database is ready for analysis. There will be a celebration event for volunteers on 8/1/2016 6-8PM, to thank the over 100 volunteers. Marion will be out of the country starting 8/12/2016 and return first week in September. Interns Indira Nallapati and Jennie Son will be available, and Dr. Yuri Jang will return in August to answer questions. There were discussions of overlap in time when Dr. Jang and Marion will be in town in August, working group meeting, time, follow-on projects after the report is finished, and confusion on surveys and data. Mr. Liao was advised to wait till

Dr. Jang returns for clarification. Marion expressed she would be happy to arrange a meeting between Dr. Jang and Mr. Liao. She reported that each survey had a code with specific information related the code.

Mr. Liao expressed appreciation of Marion's involvement and efforts in separating the Taiwanese data, and presented a 4-page document of information gleaned from Dr. Jang's preliminary report with text inserted by Mr. Liao to support the Taiwanese community's view, and the confusion of a second survey presented to the Taiwanese community concurrently. Chair Jung clarified that the data on Taiwanese Mr. Liao discussed was already included in the original survey report. Since Mr. Liao was the only citizen communication, Chair Jung allowed extra time for his presentation. Mr. Liao indicated the need to be clearer with survey instruments whether participants' data will be designated Chinese or Taiwanese.

b. Status report on the AARC Kitchen Renovation by the Public Works Department
David Taylor, PWD project manager, reported that the AARC Kitchen project was still fighting to clear permits and comments, and that negotiation with the vendor could not convene without clearing the Quality Control Group/Division. There were questions and discussions about the permitting process, causes of delay, professional services on rotation list, COA's system for providing feedback on quality of work, original desire for commercial kitchen and scope changes, continuous delays in completion date, space issue, project being Job Order Contracting, requirements for general building permit and trade permits, and possible impact on vendors for senior meals. Chair Jung thanked Mr. Taylor for the update and expressed the frustration is related to the process and not personally.

Laura Esparza, PARD Division Manager overseeing AARC operations, reported that 4 vendors were chosen to provide meals in service at the AARC, and the program expanded to include Monday without using the kitchen. Vice Chair Cobalis stated that vendors tried to adjust the prep process while anticipating kitchen completion. Commissioners expressed interest in hearing from both the permitting department and architect of the project.

c. Update on proposing names of Asian Americans for AISD school renaming
Item tabled.

d. Working Group Reports
1) AARC Working Group did not meet.

2) Business Plan Working Group
The working group met on 7/19/2016. Commissioner Yoshida reported the Internal Review Report is due 7/31/2016 and presented a draft. Chair Jung requested each working group to list their work/accomplishments. Vice Chair suggested each working group to do a summary. Chair/Acting Chair for each working group were identified and will send summary for the accomplishments section. Sarah Chen will send reports from other commissions as samples. Commissioners discussed the mission statement and compliance with mission statement. Commissioner Yoshida will compile the inputs and finalize the report for Chair Jung's review and submission.

3) Joint Inclusion Committee
Commissioner Kotecha reported that she attended a special called meeting in which the committee went over other commissions' budget recommendations and passed AAQOL's budgetary items that are more inclusive. The next regular meeting is at 5pm on July 26, 2016 (4th Tuesday of the month). Currently Commissioner Cobalis is the alternate for AAQOL. As Commissioner Kotecha will resign and move out of state, a new primary is needed.

Recommendation to nominate and appoint Commissioner Charles Lu as AAQOL's primary on the Joint Inclusion Committee was approved on Commissioner Sonia Kotecha motion, Commissioner Vince Cobalis second on a 9-0 vote.

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS

There was no staff briefing at this meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and possible action on a resolution on the transportation bond to be forwarded to the Joint Inclusion Committee for discussion then forwarded to the City

Chair Jung shared Council will vote in August to finalize the language of a 720 million transportation bond to be on the ballot in November. There were competing propositions but the final 720 million passed is more focused on roads and includes 500 million at current tax rate and a 2-cent tax rate to get the extra amount (equates to $5/month). Commissioners discussed transportation being the number one issue on the community survey, impact on Asian American life, AARC, population being served, impact on immigrant and refugee population, the short timeframe to learn about the bond.

Recommendation to support the transportation bond to forward to the Joint Inclusion Committee was approved on Commissioner Vince Cobalis motion, Commissioner Aletta Banks second on an 8-1 vote, Commissioner Kirk Yoshida abstained.

b. Discussion and possible action on FY17 Budget Recommendations by the Hispanic Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission

Marion Sanchez, Staff Liaison of Hispanic Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission (HLQOL), presented the budget recommendations and provided three options: 1) accept the entire packet, 2) support the ones more in line with the goals and mission of AAQOL, or 3) make changes to the spreadsheet. She reported that AAQOL proposal is included in this HLQOL worksheet, that the African American Resource Advisory Commission supported both the AAQOL and HLQOL budget recommendations, and that the Joint Inclusion Committee passed a subset of the AAQOL budget recommendations. Commissioner Kotecha stated that a subset of AAQOL's recommendations that are more related to HLQOL mission was sent to HLQOL. Commissioners discussed each line item for clarification and understanding of funding request, and the importance to support another commission's work. There was one item on the worksheet, $150,000 for LAMCA, which will be on the agenda for discussion in tomorrow's HLQOL meeting.

Recommendation to support the FY17 Budget Recommendations by the Hispanic Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission, with the exception of $150,000 for LAMCA, was approved on Commissioner Sonia Kotecha motion, Commissioner Shubhada Saxena second on a 9-0 vote.

c. Discussion and possible action on resolution regarding Age Friendly Community Action Plan by the Commission on Seniors

Commissioner Saxena shared she worked with the working group on the Action Plan which Commissioner Van Sickle presented at last month's meeting.

Recommendation to support the recent actions of the Commission on Seniors, Age Friendly Community Action Plan Recommendation / Age Friendly Community Action Plan and Imagine Austin was approved on Commissioner Vince Cobalis motion, Commissioner Sonia Kotecha second on a 9-0 vote.

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d. Discussion and possible action on Annual Internal Review Report
Item addressed during Working Group report.

e. Information Sharing (Standing Agenda Item)
Staff Liaison Sarah Chen distributed a memo from Interim Assistant City Manager Mark Washington and Chief of Staff Ray Baray to the Chairs of eight Commissions, regarding a town hall meeting and participation in the interview process for the Chief Equity Officer on August 25, 2016. Commissioners designated Chair Jung as the AAQOL representative and Vice Chair Cobalis as backup in case Chair Jung cannot serve.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Commissioners discussed agenda items for the July 19, 2016 meeting and added one item to New Business: New Community Stakeholder Commissioner to be appointed by the Commission.

7. ADJOURN
Recommendation adjourning the meeting was approved on Commissioner Sonia Kotecha motion, Commissioner Janki DePalma second on a 9-0 vote. Chair Richard Jung adjourned the meeting at 9:02p.m.

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