

## **Community Assessment Workgroup**

Meeting August 30, 2016

Meeting September 15, 2016

Workgroup standing members: Kara Takasaki, Dr. Charles Lu, Ann Okamura

City Representatives: Marion Sanchez, Indira Nallapati

AAQOL Survey Contractor: Dr. Yuri Jang

Other Commissioners in Attendance: Shubhada Saxena, Vince Cobalis

The Community Assessment Workgroup met twice since the last Commission Meeting. The workgroup discussed with Dr. Jang how to address the concerns of the Taiwanese community in regards to the methodology and analysis of the Asian American Quality of Life Survey. The workgroup also discussed the timeline for sharing Dr. Jang's quantitative results and the city's qualitative results with the public. The workgroup will continue to discuss ways that the reports should be shared with the Asian and Asian American community in Austin and how the studies could be used to best address community needs.

### **Combined Meeting Notes:**

- Dr. Jang incorporates feedback from workgroup in regards to the Taiwanese community concerns at the previous Commission meetings.
  - The report should recognize the unique ethnic and cultural identity of the Taiwanese community distinct from Chinese from mainland China early in the report by explaining that the Chinese group refers to people who speak Chinese and not their nationality
  - There should be a separate chapter with an analysis of the Taiwanese community because of their large proportion of the Chinese-speaking population in Austin
  - The example of the Taiwanese community in Austin demonstrates the heterogeneity within Asian communities that share the same spoken language
- Dr. Jang has been communicating with representatives from the Taiwanese community and will refer future requests for the final report to the City.
- Commissioner Cobalis will notify the city that Dr. Jang will be referring requests.
- City representatives will seek guidance from the City in regards to a timeline for when reports will be made public and how e.g. quantitative separate from qualitative.
- City representatives will seek guidance from the city in regards to a cover sheet for all four reports, executive summaries for the reports, who will be responsible for crafting those documents and providing feedback on their content.
- City representatives will find out whether data can be made accessible to the public and whether there are restrictions in terms of identifying information.
- Commissioner Takasaki will speak with Sarah and Dr. Richard Yuen to see if there are any original documents besides the City ordinance and the contract with Dr. Jang that provide more information about the purpose of the study, the methodological and funding constraints, and a timeline.
- Marion is working on the draft of her Final Report. Her team plans to visit with Departments before December and present the Final Report in January to Council. Marion suggested an event to present the findings from all four reports to the public in February.