

Thursday November 3rd, 2016
Austin Java Austin City Hall
Community Assessment Workgroup Notes

In Attendance:

CoA Marion Sanchez
Commissioner Ann Okamura
Commissioner Kara Takasaki

Summary:

Marion's team has published the qualitative data with a codebook. Their team continues to work on the community conversations, travel table and Conversations Over Tea.

Marion said that she has also launched a BloomFire website for the Asian American community, where the public can share resources, research, and information with each other. The commissioners can join the group, but would need to go through Sarah and Marion to participate in order to over quorum issues. The website has not yet been promoted, here is the link <https://asianlifeatx.bloomfire.com/>

Marion said that she had been in communication with the Taiwanese community and they were happy that she had taken action to include research about their community on the BloomFire website.

The workgroup is waiting to hear from Dr. Jang on whether the quantitative survey data can be cleaned and de-identified in such a way that it can be released for public use.

The workgroup gave feedback to Marion about the plan to receive feedback from the public on the survey, demographic, and health reports that were released to City Council.

Marion will attend the next commission meeting, where the workgroup will advise the commissioners to look over the full report and bring feedback on next steps with the data, especially in regards to the next budget year and leveraging and facilitating community networks and resources, and the event to share the findings with the community in February.

Marion asked for the workgroup members and commissioners to listen and record feedback on the report and to encourage people in the community to check out the report online or in hard copy. Marion said a flyer to promote the report should be available soon.

The workgroup hopes to receive feedback not only on how we could have improved this community assessment but also next steps in using the data to inform the budget and to facilitate a relationship between the city and these communities.

The next meeting is Thursday December 1st at 8:30 AM at Austin Java at City Hall.