



**ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, OCT 17, 2017**

The Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct 17, 2017 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Chair Vince Cobalis called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Vince Cobalis, Catherina Conte, Debasree DasGupta, Pramod Patil, Kavita Radhakrishnan, Shubhada Saxena, Pooja Sethi, Nguyen Stanton, Kirk Yoshida, Peter Chao, Molly Wang, Richard Jung,

Commissioners Absent: Janki DePalma

Staff in Attendance: Joe Silva, Taja Beekley

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

- None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September 19, 2017 minutes were approved on a 9-0 vote with Commissioners Radhakrishnan, Sethi, and DasGupta arriving after the vote.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update on Quality of Life Initiative
 - i. Discussed the final draft of the AAQOL Report. Feedback will be provided to staff
- b. Working Group Reports;
 - i. Asian American Resource Center (AARC): Written report was provided.
 - ii. Arts and Culture: Written report was provided.
 - iii. Budget and Business: Provided an overview of the final FY 2018 budget
 - iv. Community Outreach: The next meeting of the WG will be Oct 28.
 - v. HR Diversity Issues: Did not meet.
 - vi. Health: Met with Integral Care to discuss mental health outreach into the Asian community. Will reach out to Austin-Travis County EMS, Population Health program at the Dell Medical School, and the UT School of Nursing
- c. Discussion and possible decision on Commission vacancies
 - i. The Nominating work group will meet to review applications

- d. Discussion and possible decision on 2018 budget decisions
 - i. Commissioner Yoshida reviewed the AAQOLAC budget recommendations that were included in the 2018 budget

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Office of the Police Monitor – Deven Desai
 - Postponed to a future meeting

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Facilitated discussion and possible action on strategic direction, goals, and objectives for the Commission
 - i. Discussed Commission mission statement, the need for a diverse representation on the commission, the guidelines for deciding Commission support, work group structure
 - ii. Workgroups will meet independently and develop their 1- and 3-year goals and proposed strategies

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

- a.

7. ADJOURN

Commissioner Saxena moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Yoshida. Approved 12-0. Chair Cobalis adjourned the meeting at 9:38 p.m.