



**ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017**

The Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Chair Richard Jung called the meeting to order at 6:24 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Vince Cobalis, Debasree DasGupta, Janki DePalma, Richard Jung, Shubhada Saxena, Kirk Yoshida, Catherina Conte, Pooja Sethi

Staff in Attendance: Rey Arellano, Joe Silva, Marion Sanchez, Brion Oaks

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

No citizens signed up to speak

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Corrections were made to the January 17, 2017 meeting draft minutes regarding the correct spelling of the name for one commissioner. The minutes were approved with corrections on a unanimous, 8-0 vote.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update on AAQoL: Four different initiatives are being consolidated in report and a rough draft should be ready at the end of March, The Budget Office will be providing a briefing to the AAQoL next month. The liaisons for the City's three Quality of Life Commissions are meeting to coordinate similar information and presentation requests.
- b. Working Group Reports;
 - i. **Asian American Resource Center (AARC):** Report provided. The WG met with Council Member Houston and will tour the kitchen progress next week.
 - ii. **Budget and Business:** Report Provided. Will request input from other work groups for budget to develop prioritized list of requests. Asked Commissioners to meet regularly with their Council Member to make them aware of the Commission's activities.
 - iii. **Community Outreach:** Report Provided. Preparing for report release event and developing list of community organizations and leaders.
 - iv. **HR Diversity Issues:** Commissioner DePalma made two request for volunteers: 1) assistance proofing materials for an employment fair into

Vietnamese, Chinese, and Korean languages; and 2) suggestions of persons /organizations for HRD to contact as part of outreach

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Taja Beekley, AARC Manager, and Meeta Kothare, Consultant, provided a briefing of the Asian American Resource Center Facility Strategic Plan.
 - Staff requested the Commission's approval of the AARC's Strategic Plan including goals and mission statements. **Commissioner Cobalis moved to approve the strategic plan. Commissioner Saxena seconded the motion. The Commission approved the motion 8-0.**
- b. Brion Oaks, Chief Equity Officer, provided a briefing on the status and activities of the Equity Office.
 - Staff will send an online survey to the Commissioner regarding the Community Assessment Tool
 - Staff will send information regarding Quality of Life Commission participation on about three equity workgroups.

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

- a. Community Health Assessment with Austin Public Health
- b. James Shay, Austin History Center, Asian Curriculum for the AISD

7. ADJOURN

Recommendation adjourning the meeting was approved. Chair Jung adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.