



**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.