



**ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION (AAQOLAC)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018**

The AAQOLAC convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Chair Vince Cobalis called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Vince Cobalis, Shubhada Saxena, Aporajita Ahmed, Pramod Patil, Pooja Sethi, Kirk Yoshida, Molly Wang, and Janki DePalma

Staff in Attendance:

Taja Beekley, Rey Arellano, and Hanh Thai

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Sara Acevedo and Maria Allen communicated to the Commission about Community Services Block Grant Needs Assessment.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Yoshida made a motion to approve the minutes of February 20 meeting. Commissioner DePalma seconded. The vote was 8-0.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. This item was postponed because Commissioner Jung, who is the lead of Commission vacancies workgroup, was not present.

b. Rey Arellano updated on Quality of Life Initiative

c. Vice Chair Saxena shared information about translation services, her experience at the Press Conference for 1928 Master Plan on March 19, 2018.

Commissioner Wang shared information about mental healthcare classes

Chair Cobalis shared information about the Central Health Lunch and Learn on March 23, 2018

Taja shared information about Celebrasia as a community event on May 12, 2018

d. Commissioner Patil reported on Arts and Culture Workgroup

Commissioner Wang reported on Health Workgroup

Chair Cobalis reported on the Asian American Resource Center Workgroup

Commissioner Sethi reported on Community Engagement Workgroup

Commissioner Yoshida reported on budget proposal and process

4. STAFF BRIEFING

- a. Angela Sommers of Neighborhood Housing & Community Development presented about Community Needs Assessment

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. No discussion on this item
- b. Chair Cobalis gave a brief background information to all the Commissioners. Commissioner Yoshida made a motion to select Chair Vince Cobalis and Vice Chair Shubhada Saxena to attend the Equity Office meeting on March 31, 2018 regarding mini-grant funding process. The vote was 8-0.
- c. Vice Chair Saxena made a motion to forward the Strategic Planning Recommendations to City Council. Commissioner Patil seconded. The vote was 8-0

6. FUTURE AGENDA

- a. Commissioner Patil will develop a resolution to support the Austin Veterans Arts Festival
- b. Vice Chair Saxena discussed the Sister Cities Program and the progress of the relationship established with Pune, India
- c. Discussion and possible action on budget recommendations
- d. Discussion and possible action on Community Outreach event
- e. Staff briefing from Austin Public Health

7. ADJOURN

Commissioner Yoshida made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner DePalma seconded. The vote was 8-0. Chair Cobalis adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.