



## **ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018**

The AAQOLAC convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Chair Vince Cobalis called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

### **Commission Members in Attendance:**

Vince Cobalis, Sarah Chen, Shubhada Saxena, Kirk Yoshida, Richard Jung, Nguyen Stanton, Molly Wang, Catherina Conte, Pooja Sethi and Kavita Radhakrishnan. Commissioner Stanton left at 6:37 P.M. Commissioner Jung left at 7:38 P.M.

### **Staff in Attendance:**

Rey Arellano, Marion Sanchez, Houmma Garba and Joe Silva

### **1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Edna Yang, American Gateways, introduced herself and her organization.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The approval of minutes from the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission (AAQOLAC) meeting on July 17, 2018 was moved by Commissioner Yoshida and seconded by Commissioner Chen. The motion was approved 10-0.

### **3. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. The Commission reviewed and discussed the FY 2018-2019 City Manager's proposed budget.
- b. Workgroup Reports
  1. The AARC workgroup did meet and prepared the resolution concerning the pedestrian bridge at AARC.
  2. The Health workgroup attached its report to the backup.
  3. The Arts & Culture workgroup is preparing for the Hackathon on September 8-9, 2018. Discussed plans for a delegation including Council Member Alter to Pune.
  4. The Community Engagement Workgroup distributed a community engagement proposal for discussion.
  5. Business Planning Workgroup – No discussion
  6. Human Resources Workgroup – Did not meet
- b. Update on AARC projects: (Parks and Recreation Department)
  1. AARC Manager hiring process – A new manager was hired and will begin on September 17, 2018. She will attend the next AAQOLAC meeting on September 18, 2018.
  2. AARC Master Plan timeline – A master plan consultant has been selected to handle all aspects of the master plan with the exception of community engagement which

will be coordinated through the City's Communications and Public Information Office (CPIO).

**4. STAFF BRIEFING**

- a. Marion Sanchez and Houmma Garba made a presentation on the Language Access Program.
- b. Presentation of Austin Public Health Budget was postponed to a future agenda.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Commissioner Yoshida moved and Commissioner Jung seconded approval of a resolution regarding the design and completion of a pedestrian bridge for overflow parking at the Asian American Resource Center. The motion passed 10-0-0.

**6. FUTURE AGENDA**

- a. APH Budget
- b. Commission strategic planning and workgroup alignment
- c. Community engagement summit

7. **ADJOURNMENT** – Commissioner Chen moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Radhakrishnan. The motion was approved 8-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 P.M.