



**ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018**

The AAQOLAC convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Chair Vince Cobalis called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M.

Commission Members in Attendance: Vince Cobalis, Sarah Chen, Shubbhada Saxena, Kirk Yoshida, Nguyen Stanton, Catherina Conte, Peter Chao, Pramod Patil, Debasree DasGupta and Kavita Radhakrishnan.

Staff in Attendance: Rey Arellano, Ayshea Khan, Laura Esparza, Sona Shah, and Brie Franco

- 1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** No speakers
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The approval of the minutes from the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission (AAQOLAC) meeting on August 21, 2018 was moved with edits by Commissioner Chen and seconded by Commissioner Saxena. The motion was approved 8-0 with Commissioners DasGupta and Patil abstaining.
- 3. OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. ACM Rey Arellano provided an overview of the FY 2018-2019 Budget including Commission recommendations.
 - b. Workgroup Reports
 1. AARC Workgroup did not meet.
 2. The Health Workgroup met at the Dell Medical Center for Place-Based Initiatives. The minutes for the meeting will be added to the agenda backup. The workgroup will contact the AARC to coordinate flu shots.
 3. The Arts & Culture Workgroup participated in the coordination of the APSCI's International Hackathon. Commissioners Saxena and Patil will be part of the Austin-Pune Sister City delegation traveling to Pune, Maharashtra.
 4. Community Engagement Workgroup: Discussed as item 3c.
 5. The Business Planning Workgroup did not meet. Commissioner Cobalis will participate in the Equity Office Mini Grants evaluation team. Commissioner Yoshida will be the alternate.
 6. Human Resources Workgroup did not meet.
 - c. The Commission discussed the Community Dialogue event and the decision to target community leaders first. Commissioners were asked to send potential leaders to Commissioner Wang, especially young leaders and advocates.
 - d. The Commission discussed changing commission workgroup structure to align with the City of Austin's Strategic Direction 2023 while also maintaining the priorities of the Asian American community as expressed in the "Five Pillars" of the Asian American Quality of Life Initiative Report. Commissioner Cobalis will consolidate the

commission's comments and bring forward a document for consideration at the next commission meeting.

- e. Laura Esparza, Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department, introduced Sona Shah, the new Manager of the Asian American Resource Center (AARC), and provided an update of the AARC Master Plan timeline. The Commission recognized the participation of Commissioner Sethi on the AARC Manager Interview panel.
- f. Information sharing

4. STAFF BRIEFING

- a. Spencer Cronk, City Manager, introduced himself to the Commission and requested input in the recruitment of the Assistant City Manager.
- b. Ayshea Khan, Asian American Community Archivist, Austin History Center introduced herself to Commission.
- c. Brie Franco, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, provided a review of the City of Austin legislative agenda

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. FUTURE AGENDA

- 7. Commissioner Saxena moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Patil seconded. The motion passed 10-0.