



**ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, June 20, 2017**

The Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Chair Vince Cobalis called the Board Meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Vince Cobalis, Richard Jung, Catherine Conte, Debasree DasGupta, Kavita Radhakrishnan, Kirk Yoshida, Nguyen Stanton, Peter Chao, Pramod Patil, and Shubhada Saxena.

Staff in Attendance: Rey Arellano, Joe Silva, Marion Sanchez, and Hanh Thai

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of May 16, 2017 were approved a 9-0-1 vote. Commissioner Chao abstained because this was his first meeting as a new Commissioner.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Item 3 (a): Marion Sanchez has met with the Community Engagement work group and is waiting on final feedback for the report. She will provide update on the AAQOL initiative at the July 18th meeting

Item 3 (b): The Commission discussed possible FY 2018 budget initiatives.

The AAQoLAC approved a recommendation that the Council approve the following budget items for the FY2018 Budget:

Health Equity Contract (\$85,000)

Motioned By: Kirk Yoshida

Seconded By: Pramod Patil

9-0-1

For: Cobalis, Yoshida, Chao, Radhakrishnan, Patil, Stanton, Jung, Saxena, DasGupta

Against:

Absent: Phrasavath, DePalma, Sethi

Recusal: Conte

Community Health Navigator (\$316,328)

Motioned By: Kirk Yoshida

Seconded By: Shubhada Saxena

9-0-1

For: Yoshida, Chao, Radhakrishnan, Patil, Stanton, Jung, Saxena, DasGupta, Conte

Against:

Absent: Phrasavath, DePalma, Sethi

Recusal: Cobalis

Enhance business development opportunities through the Greater Austin Asian Chamber of Commerce (\$60,000)

Motioned By: Kirk Yoshida

Seconded By: Nguyen Stanton

9-0-1

For: Cobalis, Yoshida, Chao, Radhakrishnan, Patil, Stanton, Saxena, DasGupta, Conte

Against:

Absent: Phrasavath, DePalma, Sethi

Recusal: Jung

AARC Master Plan update for Phase II and III Construction (\$200,000 one-time)

Motioned By: Kirk Yoshida

Seconded By: Richard Jung

10-0

For: Cobalis, Yoshida, Chao, Radhakrishnan, Patil, Stanton, Saxena, DasGupta, Conte, Jung

Against:

Absent: Phrasavath, DePalma, Sethi

Recusal:

Improve availability of translated documents (\$110,156, 1 FTE)

Motioned By: Kirk Yoshida

Seconded By: Nguyen Stanton

10-0

For: Cobalis, Yoshida, Chao, Radhakrishnan, Patil, Stanton, Saxena, DasGupta, Conte, Jung

Against:

Absent: Phrasavath, DePalma, Sethi

Recusal:

AARC Facility Services Representative Lead (\$55,651, 1 FTE)

Motioned By: Kirk Yoshida

Seconded By: Debasree DasGupta

10-0

For: Cobalis, Yoshida, Chao, Radhakrishnan, Patil, Stanton, Saxena, DasGupta, Conte, Jung

Against:

Absent: Phrasavath, DePalma, Sethi

Recusal:

AARC Marketing Representative A (\$87,141, 1 FTE)

Motioned By: Kirk Yoshida

Seconded By: Nguyen Stanton

10-0

For: Cobalis, Yoshida, Chao, Radhakrishnan, Patil, Stanton, Saxena, DasGupta, Conte, Jung

Against:

Absent: Phrasavath, DePalma, Sethi

Recusal:

AARC Transportation (\$41,736, .75 FTE)

Motioned By: Kirk Yoshida

Seconded By: Debasree DasGupta

9-0-1

For: Cobalis, Yoshida, Chao, Radhakrishnan, Patil, Stanton, Jung, DasGupta, Conte

Against:

Absent: Phrasavath, DePalma, Sethi

Recusal: Saxena

AARC Nonprofit Funding (\$65,000)

Motioned By: Kirk Yoshida

Seconded By: Shubhada Saxena

9-0-1

For: Yoshida, Chao, Radhakrishnan, Patil, Stanton, Saxena, DasGupta, Conte, Jung

Against:

Absent: Phrasavath, DePalma, Sethi

Recusal: Cobalis

Immigrant Legal Services for Asians (\$100,000)

Motioned By: Kirk Yoshida

Seconded By: Richard Jung

10-0

For: Cobalis, Yoshida, Chao, Radhakrishnan, Patil, Stanton, Saxena, DasGupta, Conte, Jung

Against:

Absent: Phrasavath, DePalma, Sethi

Recusal:

4. STAFF BRIEFING

There was no staff briefing

5. NEW BUSINESS

Item 5(a) Amy Wong Mok presented a plan to build a senior living center on existing property. She requested a letter of support from the Commission. Commissioner Saxena and Yoshida will work with Ms. Mok and the Community Engagement Work Group will draft a letter to be approved at the July meeting.

Item 5 (b): The Commission discussed the City Manager Search Advisory Task Force.

Item 5 (c): Commissioner Yoshida asked all work groups to list goals and accomplishments, and submit to him by July 15.

Item 5 (d): The Commission discussed the Pune Sister Cities Initiative which is awaiting approval from the Mayor's Office

6. FUTURE AGENDA

Commissioners did not discuss future agenda items for July 18, 2017 meeting

The motion to allow the Commission to extend the meeting past 10 p.m. for an additional 15 minutes was moved by Commissioner Saxena, seconded by Commissioner Jung, and approved on a 10-0 vote.

7. ADJOURN

Recommendation adjourning the meeting moved by Commissioner Saxena, seconded by Commissioner Patil, and approved on a 10-0 vote. Chair Cobalis adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.