

AARC Workgroup meeting for the AAQoL

Tuesday July 10th, 11:30am-12:30pm

In attendance: Vince Cobalis, Sona Shah, Debasree DasGupta, Thuy Nguuyen, (via phone: Aporajita Ahmed and Schiller Liao).

**1. Discussion on the AARC Phase 11 Master plan:**

The PARD board have met and approved the plan and it will be going to the city council on September 19<sup>th</sup> for approval. However, there are concerns about the cost exceeding far more than the allocated 7 million bond money. Councilman Flannigan is providing an addendum to this on Thursday, the 12<sup>th</sup>, urging the city to consider more than just the AARC masterplan and to consider utilizing the Rutherford campus adjacent to the AARC site which could create more office space and potentially generate more revenue for the city. This will be discussed at the AAQoL meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Besides the budget concerns, questions also are arising about public/private partnership.

**2. Budget:**

Still looks good and the Center is using some of the saved funds for other needs. They realise that a full-time staff is necessary to man the front desk and interviews for this position are being arranged. Money has also been allocated for interpretation and translation. An interpreter is being used during senior hours and it has been very helpful.

**3. Kitchen updates and use**

Saiva is interested in renting the kitchen space and looking into the necessary permits. Bianca is waiting for communication from them.

**4. Senior Programs:**

Since the program director has left, this position is still open and is being handled interchangeably by a couple of the other staff members until a director can be hired. There are several issues to be considered here such as registering seniors into the programs, registering for meals, transportation etc.

The center is looking at other options as well in an effort to streamline this program and have it work more smoothly

**5. Performance reports: (please see attached)**

**6. AARC special projects:**

The Exercise equipment for the Seniors is to be installed soon.  
The gardening activities are going along well

**7. HR Report: (not available at this time)**

Additional discussion held on the topic of community organizations collaborating or partnering with the AARC to bring programs to the center. Sona Shah has been working with Phil Hoang of

Truc Viet to work on collaborations but have not been able to reach a satisfactory agreement as there are also city regulations to be taken into consideration.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.