



**ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION (AAQOLAC)  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, October 15, 2019**

The AAQOLAC convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Chair Vince Cobalis called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

**Commission Members in Attendance:**

Vince Cobalis, Debasree DasGupta, Shubhada Saxena, Peter Chao, Ketan Patel, Kirk Yoshida, Molly Wang, Nguyen Stanton, Catherine Conte, Sarah Chen, and Kavita Radhakrishnan

**Staff in Attendance:**

Rey Arellano, Assistant City Manager  
Joshua Robinson, Commissions Liaison  
Marion Sanchez, Public Information Manager  
Cara Welch, Public Information Specialist

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:**

Mei Fung –Operation Blue Santa Program (Austin Police Department)

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Commission moved to approve minutes from AAQOLAC meeting on September 17, 2019. Commissioner Yoshida made the motion. Commissioner DasGupta seconded. Vote was 11-0

**2. STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP:**

Commissioner Chen made a motion to suspend Roberts Rules of Order to conduct the Strategic Planning Workshop. Commissioner Patel seconded. Vote was 11-0

Commissioners discussed and prioritized important initiatives to be completed in the future. Marion Sanchez and Cara Welch from the Communications and Public Information Office lead the Strategic Planning Workshop.

Commissioner Chen made a motion to reinstate Roberts Rules of Order to close the Strategic Planning Workshop. Commissioner DasGupta seconded. Vote was 11-0

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

a. Workgroup Reports:

1. Asian American Resource Center Workgroup: No update besides AARC Performance Measures.

2. Health and Community Engagement Workgroup: Commissioners Yoshida provided an update over the Mental Health Project Meeting.
3. Arts and Culture Workgroup: No update
4. Business Planning Workgroup: No update

b. Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC): Commissioner Stanton provided an update. The JIC is considering modifying the language in the by-laws to be more inclusive. Commission Stanton provided an update over Equity Mini-Grant Scoring process.

c. Follow-up Items:

1. Discussion and possible action on City Council Asian American Resource Center Master Plan (AARC): The Commission reviewed the proposed timeline for the implementation of the Asian American Resource Center Master Plan.
2. Discussion and possible action on 2020 Budget: No action taken.

#### **4. Staff Briefing**

First Responder Mental Health Calls for Service report, Rey Arellano, Assistant City Manager and BJ Wagner, Meadows Mental Health Initiative - BJ Wagner, Meadows Mental Health Initiative provided a presentation over Mental Health Crisis Calls in related to the Asian-American Community. Rey Arellano, Assistant City Manager provided a presentation over the FY20 Budget in relations to the “First Responder Mental Health Calls for Service.”

#### **5. New Business**

- a. Discussion and nomination of Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission Members to be recommended to Council for the purpose of serving on the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC). – Commissioner Yoshida nominated Nguyen Stanton to serve on the Joint Inclusion Committee. Commissioner Saxena seconded. Vote was 11-0. Commissioner Yoshida nominated Commissioner Cobalis to serve as the alternate to the Joint Inclusion Committee. Commissioner Chen seconded.
- b. Information Sharing: Commissioners Yoshida, Cobalis, Conte, and Saxena provided information to share.

#### **6. FUTURE AGENDA**

- a. Discussion and possible action in support of the Land Development Code and Austin Strategic Mobility Program. (Pooja Sethi)
- b. Discussion and possible action over projects and initiatives for the year.

#### **7. ADJOURN**

Chair Cobalis adjourned the meeting without any objections at 8:02 p.m.