



**ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION (AAQOLAC)  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, December 17, 2019**

The AAQOLAC convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Chair Vince Cobalis called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

**Commission Members in Attendance:**

Vince Cobalis, Shubhada Saxena, Pooja Sethi, Ketan Patel, Kirk Yoshida, Nguyen Stanton, Catherina Conte, Sarah Chen, Pramod Patil, Debasree DasGupta, Molly Wang, Kuo Yang, and Kavita Radhakrishnan

**Staff in Attendance:**

Rey Arellano, Assistant City Manager  
Chris Shorter, Assistant City Manager  
Adrienne Sturup, Assistant Director (Austin Public Health)  
Laura LaFuente, Contract Manager (Austin Public Health)  
Reynaldo Hernandez, Project Management Supervisor (Parks & Recreation)  
David Crabb, Recreation Program Manager (Parks & Recreation)  
Christina Bies, Project Coordinator  
Sona Shah, Culture and Arts Education Manager (Parks & Recreation)  
Joshua Robinson, Commissions Liaison (Equity Office)

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:**

Schiller Liao – Asian American Resource Center Master Plan

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Commission moved to approve minutes from AAQOLAC meeting on November 19, 2019 with a minor edit. Commissioner Yoshida made the motion. Commissioner Radhakrishnan seconded. Vote was 12-0. Commissioner Saxena was not present to vote.

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

a. Workgroup Reports:

1. Asian American Resource Center (AARC) Workgroup: Commissioners discussed AARC Performance Measures and discussed the presentations from Parks & Recreation on the Phase 2 of the AARC Master Plan and AARC Senior Programs.
2. Health and Community Engagement Workgroup: Commissioner Conte discussed the format and dates of the upcoming Community Budget Dialogue. Commissioner Wang

elaborated on being a panelist at a University of Texas at Austin Student Health group program.

3. Arts and Culture Workgroup: No update.
  4. Business Planning Workgroup: Commissioner Yoshida provided an update. The workgroup has added “Human Resources” as a project. Commissioner Patel will now be attending the Quarterly Quality of Life Budget Workshops and Commissioner Saxena will be a backup.
- b. Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC): Commissioner Stanton provided an update. The JIC finalized the Mini-Grant scoring. Commissioners want to have a future presentation over the Mini-Grant application timeline.
- c. Follow-up Items:
1. Strategic Planning Session – Communication and Public Information Office (CPIO) will provide a presentation over the Strategic Planning Session notes during January commission meeting.
  2. Land Development Code Resolution – Approved Resolution from November added to backup
  3. Council Resolution for AARC/Rutherford Campus – No Action Taken.
  4. First Responder Mental Health – Commissioners will send follow up questions to Staff Liaison, Joshua Robinson
  5. Update on AARC Masterplan
    - a. Next Steps - Project Management Supervisor, Reynaldo Hernandez provided an update on Phase 2 of the Asian American Resource Center Master Plan.
    - b. Bridge update – Project Coordinator, Christina Bies provided an update over the pedestrian bridge at the Asian American Resource Center.

### **3. STAFF BRIEFING**

- a. Introduction of Assistant City Manager Chris Shorter – Assistant City Manager, Chris Shorter introduce himself to the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission and discussed the Health & Environment and Culture & Lifelong Learning strategic direction he leads for the City of Austin.
- b. Austin Public Health briefing on 2020 Mental Health Initiative and 2019 funding results - Assistant Director of Austin Public Health, Adrienne Sturup and Contract Manager, Laura LaFuente spoke about the Austin Public Health 2020 Mental Health Initiatives, update on the FY2018-19 funding recommendations, and information on the upcoming grant applications to award funding to a nonprofit organization for Asian Pacific Islander Mental Health Services.
- c. Update on Asian American Resource Center Senior Programs (Parks & Recreation) - Culture and Arts Education Manager, Sona Shah and Recreation Manager, David Crabb provided an update on the Asian American Resource Center Senior Program. This presentation included issues the program is facing, the community engagement results, and program changes. Shah and Recreation Manager, David Crabb outlined changes to the transportation program. The President and CEO of Meals on Wheels of Central Texas, Adam Hauser provided information and answered questions on proposed changes to the Senior Congregate Meal Program.

### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and possible action on a date for the commission’s Community Engagement meeting - Commissioner Conte made a motion to co-host the Community Budget Dialogue with the Commission on Immigrant Affairs & the Equity Office on the pending dates of February 11, 12, or 13, at Asian American Resource Center. Commissioner Yoshida seconded. was 12-0. Commissioner Sethi was not present to vote.
- b. Information Sharing – No information to share.

**5. FUTURE AGENDA**

- a. Strategic Planning 2 Presentation
- b. Equity Framework for Economic Development Department (Jeremy Brandt – Sabre)
- c. Mini-Grant application timeline.

**6. ADJOURN**

Chair Cobalis adjourned the meeting without any objections at 8:14 p.m.