

AARC Workgroup meeting for the AAQoL

Tuesday, March 10, 12:00pm -1:00 pm

In attendance: Vince Cobalis, Sona Shah, Laura Esparza, Kirk Yoshida, Debasree DasGupta.

Discussion on the AARC Phase 11 Master plan with special emphasis on Bridge funding:

Since the AAQoL commission as well as the Network of Asian American Organisation was reluctant to use bond money to fund the bridge, the commission is considering other options, The Watershed Protection Department has been approached and are willing to consider it, but needs a budget and also cannot work on the bridge as an independent project. The commission is considering making a budget request of 450 K to the council for this project.

Kirk Yoshida to provide a resolution to be submitted to the Council.

Budget:

Requests to be considered for AARC needs so far:

- \$450K for the Bridge connecting the center to the Rutherford Campus.
- \$200K for partitions for main hall so it could be divided into smaller rooms
- \$20K for lighting for the stage area
- \$? for an Administrative staff

Schiller Liao expressed the need to consult with an expert regarding the quality of the partitions and cost as well as rentability with the partitions in use.

The Center also needs a new projector.

The department to figure out the cost for hiring an administrative assistant.

Senior Programs/ Events:

There were some cancellations due to worry about COVID-19, Some events could be also be cancelled.

The Meals on Wheels contract needed amendments. A letter of support to be created by the commission for the City Council.

The Celebrasia event in May would not be inviting community booths but AAQoL could participate as an entity of the AARC.

Transportation:

The Center has made arrangements to use the PARD Senior transportation group instead of doing a separate transportation program and the approved position has been transferred. There have also been cancellations by some seniors due to COVID-19 concerns.

Performance reports: (please see attached)

5. HR Report: (please see attached)

Meeting was adjourned at 1: 25pm.