

AARC Workgroup meeting for the AAQoL

Tuesday, July 14, 12:00-1:00pm

In attendance: Sona Shah, Christina Bies, Laura Esperza, Schiller Liao, Kirk Yoshida, Debasree DasGupta.

Update on the AARC Phase 11 Master plan and discussion:

The letter of approval for CMAR will be going to the Council on July 30th.
Currently working on design and solicitation for an architect. (please see attached solicitation schedule).
Posting is to be made by August 5th with a deadline to respond.
Responses will be evaluated by a 5-person panel.
Discussion ensued on allowing an outsider other than the City Contracting Office on this panel in consideration of cultural awareness.
Kirk recommended including pertinent languages in the draft for qualifications

Updates from the Center by Sona:

The AARC opened for a few days in June but had to close down again.
Staff have been calling on Seniors directly to remain engaged with them
Several online exhibits, such as photography exhibits, Flan Flaherty's work on silk etc are available for viewing.
There is also an exhibit on history and culture of the Philippines in collaboration with the History Center.
The scheduled "Dear Aunty and Uncle" workshop filled up quickly
They are also considering Tai Chi classes via zoom and an open mike show involving stand- up comedians in August
Laura spoke of online festivals that are getting tremendous response
PARD is also considering online after-school programs for children who will have to remain home because of the pandemic.
AARC might also consider an online but modified version of the Celebrasia event

The AARC welcomes ideas from the Commission for continuing with their community engagement during the lockdown

