



**ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION (AAQOLAC)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020**

The AAQOLAC convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 via Conference Call

Chair Vince Cobalis called the Commission Meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Vince Cobalis, Sarah Chen, Kirk Yoshida, Nguyen Stanton, Kavita Radhakrishnan, Debasree DasGupta Shubhada Saxena, Ketan Patel, and Pooja Sethi

Staff in Attendance:

Rey Arellano, Assistant City Manager
Bryan Manley, Chief of Police
Richard Guajardo, Assistant Police Chief
GuiMei Fung, Community Liaison (APD)
Houmma Garba, Language Access Coordinator (CPIO)
Joshua Robinson, Commissions Liaison (Equity Office)

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

N/A

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Commission did not take action on the February 18, 2020 and April 10, 2020 meeting minutes.

2. OLD BUSINESS

a. Workgroup Reports:

1. Asian American Resource Center (AARC) Workgroup: No update provided.
2. Health and Community Engagement Workgroup: No update provided.
3. Arts and Culture Workgroup: Commissioner Patil provided an update on his meeting with the University of Texas at Austin Asian/Asian American Faculty and Staff Association.
4. Business Planning Workgroup: No update provided.
 - Budget timeline/process

b. Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC): Commissioner Stanton provided an update on the 2021 Budget Recommendation.

c. Follow-up Items:

1. Update on AARC Masterplan – Commission Cobalis provided an update. See memorandum from Director Kimberly McNeeley in backup materials.
2. Update on the AARC Bridge

3. Results from prior Mini-Grant awards – See backup document
4. Current status of City Budget process and COVID-19 impact – No updated provided.

3. STAFF BRIEFING

- a. Austin Police Department Safe Initiative
- b. The Austin Police Department system for providing language support when interacting with the community – Assistant Police Chief Richard Guajardo, Community Liaison GuiMei Fung and Language Access Coordinator Houmma Garba provided a presentation over APD's Language Access Support system.
- c. Overview of the “Tatum Report” and draft implementation plan – Assistant City Manager Rey Arellano and Austin Police Chief Brian Manley provided A presentation and overview of the Tatum Law Independent Investigation.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action to proclaim May 2020 as Asian American - Pacific Islander Cultural Heritage Month – Commissioner Chen moved to send proclamation to the Mayor Adler's Office. Commissioner Yoshida seconded. Vote was 9-0.
- b. Information Sharing – Commissioner Saxena and DasGupta provided information to share.

5. FUTURE AGENDA

- a. Analysis of Austin Police Department's Racial Profiling Data joint report and update on the new Community Police Review Commission (Maya Guevara – Office of Police Oversight)
- b. Response on the racial/social unrest from the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission

6. ADJOURN

Chair Cobalis adjourned the meeting without any objections at 4:30 p.m.