

AARC Workgroup meeting for the AAQoL

Thursday, September 10, 12:00-1:00pm

In attendance: Sona Shah, Schiller Liao, Kirk Yoshida, Vince Cobalis, Debasree DasGupta.

**Discussion on the AARC Phase 11 Master plan:**

Community has shown preference for an indoor auditorium although more engagement might be necessary.

Schiller Liao is looking at a possible funding from an \$12M ACGA (Asian Creatives for Greater Austin) bond, since Phase II does have plans for music- studios etc.

Group, with help from Councilman Flannigan, also considering feasibility of coordinating with the Rutherford Campus.

Public funding for the center is usually in the form of pro-bono services rather than cash donations.

**Updates from the Center by Sona:**

The center is engaged in various virtual events such as:

An API task force that is meeting weekly with APH staff on mental health and other issues.

Art exhibits providing COVID-19 health and safety guidelines and hosted outdoors

Musical on post Katrina New Orleans followed by live discussion with cast and crew

The center is also considering hosting a drive-by flu shot availability on the grounds.

It is engaged in civic engagement with the group MISSFITS

Participating in the Census campaign

An interpreter has been hired to help with the senior program in a regular basis

The education specialist has resigned but there is no opportunity for hiring at the moment

The center did get audited as not meeting full efficiency

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

