

AARC Workgroup meeting for the AAQoL

Tuesday, March 9, 12:00-1:00pm

In attendance: Sona Shah, Kirk Yoshida, Debasree DasGupta, Vince Cobalis, , Laura Esparza, Jimmy Flannigan, Laura Esperza, Christina Bies, David Nicks, Schiller Liao

### **1. AARC Phase II Project:**

The group was introduced to David Nicks who will be taking over Riley Trigg's position as Public Works Department project manager.

Solicitations for the professional design services and CMAR (Construction Manager at Risk ) services are due March 24<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup>, a bit later than originally decided.

A topographic survey is being conducted.

### **Discussion on the community engagement that is required:**

There are still some outstanding issues, such as the kind of flooring that is sought, so the community needs to provide input.

Community engagement needs to start as soon as design team comes on board.

An approximate fund of \$61K will be needed and the discussion was around procuring this funding.

A consultant would be needed and he would require some training on Asian culture and their needs. Goals need to be identified.

The community needs to be made aware of cost of final structure and the what funds are available so they can provide input accordingly.

CMAR could provide cost estimate.

Vince suggested seeking help from CPIO or the equity office regarding funding.

Jimmy suggested connecting with Suchi Gururaj who has been working on the Language Access Fund that has been launched by CAN (Community Advancement ?)

Kirk suggested requesting for the required funding while also exploring other avenues, such as CPIO.

(AAQoL has been working on adding language access to the budget for a while. Organisations like AACHI has applied for some funds for this as well).

**Updates on the Center from Sona :**

Other than a few leaks etc, the building has weathered the February winter storm fairly well.

Jonathan, who has been working as the building grounds supervisor is now working with APH and API taskforce and will now become a Community Access Coordinator.

Celebrasia is scheduled for May 1 and will be a virtual event.

Since events in the past year have all been virtual, expenses on the facility have been lower. The surplus money is going to be used on enhancing the ballroom lighting, buying projectors etc.

Vince asked if there could be money used for community outreach. Sona will look into it.

A list of organisations that should be contacted for community outreach is being compiled.