

**ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
November 16th, 2021**

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November 16th, 2021 at 6:00 PM
ONE TEXAS CENTER
505 Barton Springs Road, Suite 325
Austin, TX 78704**



MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS:

Vince Cobalis, Pramod Patil, Pooja Sethi, Kirk Yoshida, Sarah Chen, Meena Mutyala, Ketan Patel, Shubhada Saxena, Kuo Yang, Fang Fang, Zahra Shakur Jamal-Hassan, and Hanna Huang

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Kirk Yoshida, Vince Cobalis, Kuo Yang, Sarah Chen, Fang Fang, Meena Mutyala, Zahra Shakur Jamal-Hassan, Pooja Sethi

CALL TO ORDER: 6:27 PM

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

No Citizens Communications

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider approval of minutes from the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission (AAQOLAC) meetings on:

- a. October 19, 2021

Minutes were not approved as the board members in attendance was not noted. Ena will reach out to the Executive Liaison, Rey Arellano, who took minutes for the October 2021 meeting to confirm Commissioners in attendance.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Workgroup/Project Reports
 - 1. Asian American Resource Center (AARC) Workgroup
 - 2. Health and Community Engagement Workgroup
 - 3. Arts & Culture Workgroup
 - 4. Human Resources Workgroup
 - 5. Business Planning Workgroup
 - 6. Public Safety / Policing Project

Commissioner Yang would like to attend the Arts and Culture Workgroup and will reach out to Commissioner Patil to join.

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Commissioner Jamal-Hassan would like to attend the Health and Community Engagement Workgroup. Commissioner Mutyala suggests creating a quarterly newsletter that is ideally sent out in January. There is a list-serv available through AAI.

- b. Update on the Joint Inclusion Committee meeting (Commissioner Cobalis)
- c. Follow-up Items:
 - 1. Update on AARC Master Plan (Commissioner Cobalis)
 - 2. Update on FY 2022 Budget Recommendation Process (Commissioner Yoshida)

3. STAFF BRIEFING

- a. Project Connect Presentation (Annick Beaudet/Austin Transportation Department)
 - 1. **Sam Sargent discussed the projected timeline and potential light rails for the Project Connect case. He created context around the need for a light rail and why Austin at this time needs to invest in this to improve the quality of life for all its residents. Sam will put Commissioner Fang in touch with Courtney Chavez. Potentially have Courtney Chavez and Annick Beaudet come present together at a AAQoL meeting in the near future.**
- b. Equitable Transit-Oriented Development (Warner Cook/Housing & Planning)
 - 1. **No show.**

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4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action on a recommendation to City Council regarding the activation of the Joint Cultural Committee
 - 1. The Joint Cultural Committee met last Saturday for 2 hours. There is back and forth about requesting the reactivation of the JCC or requesting an amendment to the required attendees of the JCC.**
- b. Discussion and possible action on a recommendation regarding a FY 2022 budget briefing and the FY 2023 budget process
 - 1. The budget meeting is occurring on December 4th, Saturday. Commissioner Yoshida and Commissioner Cobalis are attending and hope that other Commissioners can join as well.**

5. INFORMATION SHARING

- a. Report from Immigrant Affairs Commission, *Advancing Immigrant Incorporation in Austin, TX* (Commissioner Cobalis)
- b. Update on the City's LGBTQIA+ Quality of Life Study (Commissioner Yoshida)
- c. Update on the City Code changes allowing remote/hybrid meetings beginning February 28, 2022

6. FUTURE AGENDA

- a. Update on the Language Access Program (December/CPIO)
- b. Update on the new Historic Preservation Plan focused on Heritage & Equity (TBD/Housing & Community Development)

7. ADJOURNMENT: 7:59 pm

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