

ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES - March 28th, 2022



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March 28th, 2022 at 6:00 PM

**City of Austin Permitting &
Development Center**

Public Conference Rm #1207

6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr, Austin, TX 78752

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Some members of the Commission may be participating by videoconference. Public comment will be allowed in person or via telephone. Remote speakers must register in advance (March 25 by Noon). All public comment will occur at the beginning of the meeting. To speak remotely, residents must: Call or email the Equity Office's Commission Liaison, Jeremy Garza, at (512) 978-1797 or jeremy.garza@austintexas.gov, no later than noon March 25. The information required is the speaker's name, item number(s) they wish to speak on, whether they are for/against/neutral, email address and telephone number (must be the same number that will be used to call into the meeting).

BOARD MEMBERS:

Vince Cobalis, Pramod Patil, Pooja Sethi, Kirk Yoshida, Sarah Chen, Meena Mutyala, Kuo Yang, Fang Fang, Zahra Shakur Jamal-Hassan, Hanna Huang, Salimah Shamsuddin, and Azra Siddiqi

CALL TO ORDER:

Kirk Yoshida called the meeting to order at 6:30

ROLL CALL:

Present:

- Kirk Yoshida
- Fang Fang
- Vince Cobalis
- Hanna Huang
- Sarah Chen
- Azra Siddiqi
- Meena Mutyala
- Zahra Shakur Jamal-Hassan
- Kuo Yang (1 hour late)

Absent:

- Pramod Patil
- Pooja Sethi
- Salimah Shamsuddin

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PUBLIC 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.

None.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- a. February 15th, 2022
- b. November 16th, 2021

Motion by Vince Cobalis to approve minutes with spelling corrections.

Seconded by Sarah Chen. No Objections

Passes unanimously.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Workgroup/Project Report
 - i. Asian American Resource Center (AARC) Workgroup
 - ii. Health and Community Engagement Workgroup
 - iii. Arts & Culture Workgroup
 - iv. Human Resources Workgroup
 - v. Business Planning Workgroup
 - vi. Public Safety / Policing Project
- b. Update on the Joint Inclusion Committee Meeting(s) – Commissioner Cobais
- c. Follow-up Items:
 - i. Update on AARC Master Plan – Commissioner Cobalis
 - ii. Update on FY 2023 Budget Recommendation Process – Commissioner Yoshida

3. STAFF BRIEFING

- a. Equity-Based Preservation Plan – Presented by Elizabeth Brummett, Senior Planner in the Housing & Planning Department
 - i. Presentation given, questions answered, no action taken.

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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.
- b. Discussion and possible action on the election of officers to the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission.
- c. Discussion and possible action on Commission FY 2023 budget recommendations.
 - #1 - AARC Ballroom Divider
 - #2 - Community Engagement & Outreach FTE for Cultural Arts Division Programs
 - ~~#3 - Case Management Tool for Behavioral Health~~

Motion by Hanna Huang to pull Rec #3 from the package for further deliberation.

Seconded by Meena Mutyala. No objections.

Passed unanimously.

- #4 – AARC Staffing
- #5 – Mental Health Services
- #6 – Immigrant Legal Services
- #7 – Community Health Navigators
- #8 – Violence Against Asians & Within Families

Motion by Vince Cobalis to table Recommendation #3 indefinitely and consider it at a later date.

Seconded by Hanna Huang 2nd. Without objection this item is tabled for a future date TBD.

Passed unanimously.

Motion by Fang Fang to pass all recommendations in package (except for #3).

Seconded by Vince Cobalis.

Passed unanimously.

Motion by Sarah Chen to authorize Business Planning Workgroup to submit the seven budget recommendations to the budget office and city council.

Seconded by Hanna Huang.

Passed unanimously.

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5. INFORMATION SHARING

- a. Open Mic for Commissioners to share information with each other, especially regarding future agenda and pending deadlines on action items.
 - i. From Hanna Huang:
 - Legal consideration related to Equity in Economic Development Department. At the most recent cultural workgroup meeting...legal came to present about the equity-based plan for cultural arts planning has legal implications. The state may ask something retaliatory wanting to lead with equity passed cultural art funding.

6. FUTURE AGENDA

- a. Staff Briefing on APD Safe Place Initiative by Gui Fung & Christian Mendoza from the Austin Police Department's Office of Community Liaison. (Confirmed for May 2022)
- b. Staff Briefing on APD Body-Worn & Dashboard Camera Program by Karla Peredo, Community Engagement Specialist in the Office of Police Oversight (Confirmed for April 2022)
- c. Staff Briefing on Disparity Report Outcomes by Eddie Bynog, Public Information Specialist Senior at the Small & Minority Business Resources Department (SMBR) (Tentatively Scheduled for May 2022)
- d. Presentation from Northwest Austin Universal Health Clinic by Dr. Sanjna Malpani. (Confirmed for April 2022)
- e. Language Access Program Update (CPIO) (Tentatively June 2022)
- f. April Elections: Discussion and possible action on the election of officers to the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission.
- g. Resolution for Advising Joint Cultural Commission.
- h. Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: Cultural Heritage Celebration...Proclamation. We need to keep it on the agenda.
- i. Update on FY 2023 Budget Recommendation Process – Commissioner Yoshida. Discussion and possible action on further budget endorsements from the JIC.

7. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50pm

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The minutes were approved at the 04/19/2022 regular meeting on a motion from COMMISSIONER Vince Cobalis, and COMMISSIONER Sarah Chen's second, with no objections, one abstention from Commissioner Pramod Patil, and all remaining commissioners in favor.

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