

MEETING MINUTES



ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE COMMISSION

September 20, 2022 at 6:00pm

Austin City Hall

Boards & Commissions Room

301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, TX

Regular Commission Meeting

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This meeting is being held in a hybrid format, and 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 (September 19th by 12pm-Noon). All public comments will occur at the beginning of the meeting and public speakers will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. To speak or attend remotely, residents must contact the Equity Office's Commission/Neighborhood Liaison, Jeremy Garza, no later than 12pm-noon on Monday, September 19th, 2022. Please telephone call at (512) 978-1797 or email jeremy.garza@austintexas.gov. The information required is the speaker's name, the 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:

District	Commissioner	District	Commissioner
1	Kirk Yoshida (Chair)+	9	Salimah Shamsuddin +
2	Azra Siddiqi +	10	Meena Mutyala -
3	Kuo Yang +	Mayor	Hanna Huang +
4	Lily Trieu -	At-Large	Pramod Patil -
5	Vincent Cobalis +	At-Large	Pooja Sethi -
6	Fang Fang -	At-Large	Zahra Shakur Jamal-Hassan +
7	VACANT	At-Large	Sarah Chen (Vice-Chair) +
8	VACANT		

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order by Chair Kirk Yoshida at: **6:08pm**

ROLL CALL

ABSENT:

- Lily Trie
- Meena Mutyala
- Pooja Sethi
- Pramod Patil
- Fang Fang

PRESENT:

- Kirk Yoshida
- Vince Cobalis
- Sarah Chen
- Azra Siddiqi
- Hanna Huang
- Kuo Yang
- Salimah Shamsuddin
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PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first ten 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the COMMISSION'S REGULAR MEETING on August 16th, 2022.
 - a. Tabled to October meeting by the Chair, due to losing quorum.

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STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff Presentation from PARD Cultural Arts & Programs on the AARC Phase Project – Laura Esparza & David Nicks
3. Staff Presentation from the ATX Walk Bike Roll project team (ATXWBR) on the joint effort between the Public Works Department (PWD) and Austin Transportation Department (ATD) to update Austin's sidewalk, urban trails, bicycle plans; and guide the direction of City Council's Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP) by Craig McCulloch & Katie Wettick

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4. Discussion and possible action to authorize commissioners to speak on behalf of the commission about Quality-of-Life Studies.
 - a. *Tabled to October meeting by the Chair, due to losing quorum.*
5. Discussion and possible action about chair leadership starting January 2023. Inquiring about commissioner capacity to lead after Kirk & Vince step down from term limits.
 - a. *Tabled to October meeting by the Chair, due to losing quorum.*
6. Discussion and possible action on the FY23-24 Budget Process, and Business Planning workgroup & AARC Workgroup. Succession planning and organizing for gathering community input on next budget process.
 - a. *Tabled to October meeting by the Chair, due to losing quorum.*

WORKING GROUPS/COMMITTEE UPDATES

7. Asian American Resource Center (AARC) Workgroup - Update on AARC Master Plan
8. Health and Community Engagement Workgroup – General Update on Current Work
9. Arts & Culture Workgroup – General Update on Current Work & Announcement on an Event hosted by Austin - Oita Sisters City Committee at the AARC on Sat. August 20th
10. Human Resources Workgroup – General Update on Current Work
11. Business Planning Workgroup – General Update on Current Work & Update on FY 22-23 Budget Process - NOAA update

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12. Public Safety / Policing Project – General Update on Current Work
13. Joint Inclusion Committee – General Update on Current Work by Commissioner Cobalis
14. Commissioner Vacancies, Annual Report & Workgroup Members – Commissioner Yoshida

INFORMATION SHARING

15. Open Mic for Commissioners to share information with each other, especially regarding future agenda and pending deadlines on action items.
 - a. Announcement from Commissioner Zahra Shakur Jamal-Hassan: Mark your calendars for Sunday October 16, 2022, from 11am to 3pm at Asian American Resource Center (AARC), for Asian Family Support Services of Austin (AFSSA)’s 30th anniversary & community celebration, with food & activities. Free event.
 - b. AFSSA’s Silk Road Gala coming up in November!

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

16. Call for items from Committee members:
 - a. Human Resources Department Staff Report Update **(TBD)**
 - b. Northwest Austin Universal Health Clinic (Dr. Sanjna Malpani) **(TBD)**
 - c. Language Access Program Update from CPIO **(TBD)**
 - d. Austin Public Health Department on Budget **(TBD)**
 - e. Activation of the Joint Cultural Committee **(TBD)**
 - f. YWCA – Mental Health Contract with APH for Asian American Mental Health Services **(TBD)**
 - g. Austin Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) – Debrief **(TBD)**

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ADJOURNMENT

17. The meeting is adjourned at: **7:40pm**

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For more information on the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission, please contact the Equity Office Commission/Neighborhood Liaison, Jeremy Garza, by phone at (512) 978-1797, or (preferably) via email at jeremy.garza@austintexas.gov.

* The Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission voted to approve these meeting minutes at their regular meeting on 11/15/2022 on Commissioner Lily Trieu's motion, and Commissioner Sarah Chen's second. None abstained. None opposed. The motion to approve these meeting minutes passed unanimously.