

MEETING MINUTES



**REGULAR MEETING of the
ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION
JANUARY 17th, 2023 at 6:00pm
CITY HALL, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS RM #1101
301 W 2ND ST, AUSTIN, TX 78701
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This meeting is being held in a hybrid format, with both in-person and online virtual participation via WebEx. 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 (January 16th 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, January 16th, 2023. Please telephone call & leave a voicemail 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	VACANT
2	Azra Siddiqi -	10	Meena Mutyala +
3	Kuo Yang +	Mayor	Hanna Huang -
4	Lily Trieu -	At-Large	Pramod Patil +
5	Vincent Cobalis +	At-Large	VACANT
6	Fang Fang -	At-Large	Zahra Shakur Jamal-Hassan +
7	Anna Lan +	At-Large	Sarah Chen (Vice-Chair) +
8	Mohsin Lari +		

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order by Chair Kirk Yoshida at: **6:07pm**

ROLL CALL

ABSENT:

- **Azra Siddiqi**
- **Lily Trieu**
- **Fang Fang**
- **Hanna Huang**

PRESENT:

- Kirk Yoshida
- Kuo Yang
- Vince Cobalis
- Anna Lan
- Mohsin Lari
- Meena Mutyala
- Pramod Patil
- Zahra Shakur Jamal-Hassan
- Sarah Chen

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 December 20th, 2022.
 - a. Motioned by Sarah Chen to approve December 20th meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Vincent Cobalis. All in favor. None Abstained. None opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

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STAFF PRESENTATION

2. American Gateways: Daniela Guerrero, Program Support Specialist and Edna Yang
 - a. Immigration legal services to low-income residents in Travis County and 23 surrounding counties.
 - b. Any leads of community members or organizations that could connect American Gateways to people who could benefit from Know Your Rights training, family reunification, and other resources/services they offer. Need more in-roads into the community.
 - c. Budget recommendation to maintain city funding or an increase in city funding.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

3. Discussion and possible action on appointments & reappointments for at large positions.
 - a. Tabled to next month
4. Discussion and possible action on FY23-24 Budget Recommendations
 - a. Overview of actions for the next couple months.

WORKING GROUPS/COMMITTEE UPDATES

5. Budget Workgroup – Updates on QoL Town Halls and on-going FY23-24 Budget Recommendation Process, including Budget Workgroup Meeting on January 18th
6. Community Stakeholder Workgroup – Updates on commissioner vacancies and marketing strategy to solicit applications to fill stakeholder vacancies.
7. Spring/Phase II AARC Workgroup – Update on AARC Master Plan
8. Joint Inclusion Committee – General Update on Current Work, including QoL Study Joint Workshop on February 5th

INFORMATION SHARING

9. Open Mic for Commissioners to share information with each other, especially regarding future agenda and pending deadlines on action items.

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. Call for items from Committee members:
 - a. Laura Esparza – Fundraising training.
 - b. Human Resources Department Staff Report Update **(TBD)**
 - c. Activation of the Joint Cultural Committee **(TBD)**
 - d. YWCA – Mental Health Contract with APH for Asian American Mental Health Services **(TBD)**
 - e. Updates on commissioner vacancies and marketing strategy to solicit applications to fill stakeholder vacancies
 - f. Intergovernmental Relations – Brie Franco

ADJOURNMENT

11. The meeting is adjourned at: **7:25pm**

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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 02/21/2023 on Commissioner Kirk Yoshida motion, and Commissioner Sarah Chen's second. Vote: 9-0, none abstained, none opposed, and the motion to approve these meeting minutes passed unanimously.**

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