

MEETING MINUTES



ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY-OF-LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 18th, 2023

The ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY-OF-LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION convened in a REGULAR meeting on **TUESDAY, APRIL 18th, 2023, at AUSTIN CITY HALL - BOARDS & COMMISSIONS ROOM #1101, 301 W. 2ND STREET in AUSTIN, TEXAS.**

Chair KIRK YOSHIDA called the ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY-OF-LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING to order at 6:15pm pm CST.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Kirk Yoshida (Chair)

Anna Lan

Hanna Huang

Kuo Yang

Mohsin Lari

Sabrina Sha

Sarah Chen

Vincent Cobalis

Zarha Shakur Jamal-Hassan

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Fang Fang

Mohsin Lari

Commissioners Absent:

Azra Siddiqi

Lily Trieu

Meena Mutyala

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

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WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONERS

Sabrina Sha: District 9 (First Official Meeting, filling long vacant seat)

Kimberlie Quong-Charles: District 1 (Pending Council Approval)

Nayer Sikder: District 5 (Pending Council Approval)

WELCOME NEW EXECUTIVE LIASON

Rodney Gonzales – Assistant City Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the COMMISSION’S REGULAR MEETING on February 21st, 2023.

The minutes from the meeting of February 21st, 2023 were approved on COMMISSIONER HANNA HUANG’s motion, COMMISSIONER FANG FANG’s second on an 11 – 0 vote. (Absent/Off the Dais: Azra Siddiqi, Lily Trieu, & Meena Mutyala)

2. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the COMMISSION’S REGULAR MEETING on March 21st, 2023.

The minutes from the meeting of March 21st, 2023 were approved on COMMISSIONER HANNA HUANG’s motion, COMMISSIONER FANG FANG’s second on an 11 – 0 vote. (Absent/Off the Dais: Azra Siddiqi, Lily Trieu, & Meena Mutyala)

STAFF BRIEFING

3. Austin Transportation Partnership (ATP) on Project Connect Update

The presentation was made by: Yannis Banks, Manan Garg, and Deron Lozano. Public comment open until May 2nd submitted to input@atptx.org ProjectConnect.com/Get-Involved

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DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4. Discussion and possible action on reappointments for at-large stakeholder positions including Sarah Chen, Zahra Shakur Jamal-Hassan, Pierre Nguyen and the one remaining vacant stakeholder at-large position.

The motion to re-appoint *Sarah Chen as a Community Stakeholder/At-Large Commissioner* was approved on COMMISSIONER VINCE COBALIS's motion, COMMISSIONER KIRK YOSHIDA's second on an 11 – 0 vote. (Absent/Off the Dais: Azra Siddiqi, Lily Trieu, & Meena Mutyala)

The motion to re-appoint *Zahra Shakur Jamal-Hassan as a Community Stakeholder/At-Large Commissioner* was approved on COMMISSIONER VINCE COBALIS's motion, COMMISSIONER KIRK YOSHIDA's second on an 11 – 0 vote. (Absent/Off the Dais: Azra Siddiqi, Lily Trieu, & Meena Mutyala)

The motion to appoint *Pierre Nguyen as a Community Stakeholder/At-Large Commissioner* was approved on COMMISSIONER VINCE COBALIS's motion, COMMISSIONER KIRK YOSHIDA's second on an 11 – 0 vote. (Absent/Off the Dais: Azra Siddiqi, Lily Trieu, & Meena Mutyala)

The motion to appoint *Paul Choi as a Community Stakeholder/At-Large Commissioner* was approved on COMMISSIONER VINCE COBALIS's motion, COMMISSIONER KIRK YOSHIDA's second on an 11 – 0 vote. (Absent/Off the Dais: Azra Siddiqi, Lily Trieu, & Meena Mutyala)

5. Discussion on the retirement of Assistant City Manager Rey Arellano, and possible action on recommending to City Council to appoint a new Executive Liaison for the Asian American Quality-of-Life Advisory Commission.

No action taken. Assistant City Manager Rodney Gonzales volunteered to be the Executive Liaison for the commission in between posting the agenda and this meeting.

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6. Discussion on workgroups and possible action on establishing any needed workgroups, including a new Budget workgroup to carry the budget process to the start of the new Fiscal Year in October 2023.

The motion to designate a new Budget Workgroup to work on the second half of the FY23-24 Budgetary process from April to October 2023; the workgroup shall consist Commissioners Hanna Huang, Sarah Chen, Kimberlie Quong-Charles, and members will be added (up to 7 commissioners) or replaced as needed by the commission; the workgroup will make periodic reports to the Commission as deemed appropriate, with a brief summary report on what is included in the adopted FY23-24 Budget, no later than October 31st, 2023. The workgroup members are authorized to represent the Commission as necessary and speak on behalf of the Commission on matters pertaining to their assignment was approved on COMMISSIONER VINCE COBALIS's motion, COMMISSIONER KIRK YOSHIDA's second on an 11 – 0 vote. (Absent/Off the Dais: Azra Siddiqi, Lily Trieu, & Meena Mutyala)

7. Discussion and possible action on officer elections; appointing a new chair and vice chair of the Asian American Quality-of-Life Advisory Commission.

The motion to elect Hanna Huang as Chair of the Asian American Quality-of-Life Advisory Commission was approved on COMMISSIONER KIRK YOSHIDA's motion, COMMISSIONER SARAH CHEN's second on a 10 –1 – 0 vote. (Abstain: Hanna Huang. Absent/Off the Dais: Azra Siddiqi, Lily Trieu, & Meena Mutyala)

The motion to elect Sarah Chen as Vice-Chair of the Asian American Quality-of-Life Advisory Commission was approved on COMMISSIONER VINCE COBALIS'S motion, COMMISSIONER FANG FANG's second on a 10 –1 – 0 vote. (Abstain: Sarah Chen. Absent/Off the Dais: Azra Siddiqi, Lily Trieu, & Meena Mutyala)

8. Discussion and possible action on a social event for the Asian American Quality-of-Life Advisory Commission.

No action taken.

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WORKING GROUPS/COMMITTEE UPDATES

9. Budget Workgroup – Updates on the FY23-24 Budget Recommendation Process. JIC budget priorities include: Affordability, Public Safety, Health, & Transportation.

No action taken. No new updates.

10. Community Stakeholder Workgroup – Updates on commissioner vacancies and marketing strategy to solicit applications to fill stakeholder vacancies.

No action taken. No new updates.

11. Spring/Phase II AARC Workgroup – Update on AARC Master Plan and Update on upcoming meeting with Laura Esparza to discuss fundraising for AARCH Phase II

No action taken. Updates: notes and backup from the 3/14/23 and 4/11/23 Workgroup meetings were provided online and posted in meeting backup.

12. Joint Inclusion Committee – General Update on Current Work, including QoL Study Joint Workshop that was cancelled on February 5th due to the winter storm.

No action taken. No new updates.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. Call for items from Committee members:

Discussion and possible action on appointing a primary and alternate representative to the joint inclusion committee.

Discussion and possible action on adding members to existing workgroups, or authorizing any new workgroups as needed by the Commission.

Discussion and possible action on how the Interim City Manager Jesus Garza's recommendation to hold off bonds until 2026 will affect the cultural centers master plans (including AARC).

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Staff Briefing from the Housing & Development Department on Affordable Housing, the AHFC Program, and GO Bond Review – James May & Erica Leak (Scheduled May 2023)

Vanorda Richardson, PARD Financial Manager III PARD's FY24 Financial Forecast/Proposed Budget. No staff briefing. Now seeking one-pager email update from Vanorda.

Staff Briefing from Austin Code Department (ACD), regarding their June 2023 Summer Ready campaign, a quarterly ACD outreach effort about safety in the summer (rest break ordinance, tall weeds/grass, illegal dumping, air conditioning rebates, etc.) – Tara Long (Scheduling TBD)

ATP Staff Briefing (at the request of Commissioner Anna Lan) in June or July for a follow up from today's presentation.

Staff Briefing from Nefertiti Jackmon, Community Displacement Prevention Officer in the Displacement Prevention Division of the Housing & Planning Department (Scheduled for July 2023)

Staff Briefing on the I-35 Cap & Stitch (Scheduled for July 2023)

Intergovernmental Relations – Brie Franco (Tentatively scheduled for after the legislative session (Tentatively schedule for August 2023)

Laura Esparza – AARC Fundraising Training (Scheduling TBD) Pushing the discussion to the July agenda 2023? Fundraising training is about parameters of non-City groups fundraising for City CIP projects.

Human Resources Department Staff Report Update (Scheduling TBD) ask Interim Director, Rebecca Kennedy

Activation of the Joint Cultural Committee (Scheduling TBD)

Cultural arts division about new cultural arts programs and the new second pilot they are rolling.

YWCA – Mental Health Contract with APH for Asian American Mental Health Services (Scheduling TBD); Follow-Up Summary of how it has gone. Update on the status of all the contracts, and any findings or reports that have gone out Mental Health Services Update on any and all Asian mental health contracts since 2020 (esp., after North Austin Universal Health).

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ADJOURNMENT

14. The meeting is adjourned at: **7:42pm**

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

***The minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting on May 16th, 2023 on COMMISSIONER SARAH CHEN's motion, COMMISSIONER LILY TRIEU's second on an 10 – 0 vote. (Absent/Off the Dais: Azra Siddiqi and Zahra Shakur Jamal-Hassan)**