

MEETING MINUTES



ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY-OF-LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JULY 18th, 2023

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

Chair HANNAH HUANG called the ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY-OF-LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING to order at 6:06pm CST.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Hanna Huang (Chair)

Anna Lan

Nayer Sikder

Pierre Nguyen

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Sarah Chen (Vice-Chair)

Azra Siddiqi

Kuo Yang

Kymberlie Quong-Charles

Fang Fang

Mohsin Lari

Sabrina Sha

Commissioners Absent:

Zahra Shakur Jamal-Hassan

Lily Trieu (Excused Absence)

Staff in Attendance:

Ayshea Khan – Equity & Inclusion Program Manager, Equity Office

Jeremy Garza – Business Process Consultant, Equity Office

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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. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the COMMISSION's REGULAR MEETING on JUNE 20th, 2023.

The minutes from the meeting of JUNE 20th, 2023 were approved on COMMISSIONER SARAH CHEN's motion, COMMISSIONER MOHSIN LARI's second on a 10 – 0 vote. (Off the Dais: Kuo Yang. Absent: Lily Trieu, and Zahra Shakur Jamal-Hassan).

STAFF BRIEFING

2. Staff Briefing on Anti-Displacement in Austin from Nefertiti Jackmon, Community Displacement Prevention Officer in the Displacement Prevention Division of the Housing & Planning Department; also from Susan Watkins & Marla Torrado.

The presentation was made by: Marla Torrado & Susan Matkins.

3. Staff Briefing on the I-35 Cap & Stitch from Shannon Riley, Lauren Ramirez, & Susan Daniels – Project Coordinators for “Our Future 34 – Austin Cap & Stitch Program.

The presentation was made by: Michelle Marx

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4. Discussion and possible action on passing a recommendation to City Council that seeks support for a Bond Election in 2024 for cultural centers, which have historically been underprioritized in bond elections.

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The motion to approve the recommendation that supports a Bond Election in 2024 for the cultural centers was approved on COMMISSIONER SARAH CHEN's motion, COMMISSIONER HANNA HUANG's second on a 11 – 0 vote. (Absent: Lily Trieu, and Zahra Shakur Jamal-Hassan).

5. Discussion on recruitment for an at-large commissioner with possible action on appointing a new at-large commissioner to fill the vacant seat.

No action taken. A primary and secondary nomination will be provided by the workgroup for discussion and possible action at next month's meeting.

6. Discussion and possible action on confirming an in-person commission meeting at the Asian American Resource Center.

Consensus amongst the commissioners to host the in-person commission meeting in August. Still tentative with more updates at next month's meeting.

7. Discussion on workgroups and commission priorities with possible action on dissolving, establishing, or altering the membership of any workgroups, as needed by the Commission.

Commissioner Mohsin Lari added as a member to the Budget Workgroup with no objections.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

8. Budget Workgroup – Updates on the FY23-24 Budget Recommendation Process. JIC budget priorities include: Affordability, Public Safety, Health, & Transportation. (Budget Workgroup Members: *Hannah Huang, Sarah Chen, Kimberly Quong-Charles*)
9. Community Stakeholder Workgroup – Updates on commissioner vacancies and discussion on the marketing strategy to solicit applications to fill stakeholder vacancies (Community Stakeholder Workgroup Members: *Fang Fang, Kimberlie Quong-Charles, Sabrina Sha & Mohsin Lari*).
10. Public Health & Safety Workgroup – Updates on the newly formed workgroup on issues pertaining to their assignment. (Public Health & Safety Workgroup Members: *Lily Trieu, Kuo Yang, Pierre Nguyen, and Zahra Shakur Jamal-Hassan*).

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11. AARC Workgroup – Updates & discussion on Phase II, staffing & budget, friends of AARC group development (AARC Workgroup Members: *Kuo Yang, Hanna Huang, Lily Trieu, and community members Kirk Yoshida & Vincent Cobalis*).
12. Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC) – General update and discussion on the coalition building work of the committee. (JIC Primary & Alternate Representatives: *Hanna Huang & Nayer Sikder*).

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. Call for items from Committee members:

Discussion and possible action on appointing an at-large commissioner to the open/vacant position.

APD Office of the Community Liaison

Future meeting to be hosted at the AARC, originally planned for July, and pushed to August.

Austin Public Health Staff Briefing from Laura LaForte on APH Contracts for Asian American community: Which programs/areas of APH have specific touches/focuses on AAPI community? This includes high level overview or listing of things like Health Equity, contracts like AAPI mental health, etc.; and unmet needs of APH concerning/relating to AAPI Quality of Life; and general takeaways and outcomes of the APH contracts for AAPI services (e.g. mental health, community health navigators, etc.). How demographics are tracked for APH services/contracts, challenges for tracking/disaggregating AAPI ones? What challenges are there to providing language access tools (if any) to contractors who spend a significant amount of time providing services that are language accessible? APH Community Engagement: where are the gaps for you in working with/connecting with AAPI? (September 2023)

Intergovernmental Relations – Brie Franco (Tentatively schedule for October 2023) Inquiry from Commissioner Fang Fang about Senate Bill 147.

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

Activation of the Joint Cultural Committee (Scheduling TBD)

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

YWCA – Metal 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).

ADJOURNMENT

14. The meeting is adjourned at: **8:05 pm**

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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 Commission's REGULAR MEETING on AUGUST 15th, 2023 on COMMISSIONER PIERRE NGUYEN's motion, COMMISSIONER HANNAH HUANG's second on a 12 – 0 vote. (Absent: D3 Commissioner Kuo Yang & D1 Commissioner Kymberlie Quong-Charles).**