

MEETING MINUTES



ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY-OF-LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15th, 2023

The ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY-OF-LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION convened in a REGULAR meeting on *TUESDAY, AUGUST 15th, 2023, at the ASIAN AMERICAN RESOURCE CENTER, BALLROOM, 8401 CAMERON ROAD, in AUSTIN, TEXAS.*

Chair HANNAH HUANG called the ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY-OF-LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING to order at 6:08pm CST.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Hanna Huang (Chair)

Sarah Chen (Vice-Chair)

Anna Lan

Fang Fang

Mohsin Lari

Nayer Sikder

Pierre Nguyen

Satyajeet Dodia

Seonhye “Sonny” Sin

Sabrina Sha

Lily Trieu

Zahra Shakur Jamal-Hassan

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

None

Commissioners Absent:

Kuo Yang

Kymerlie Quong-Charles

Staff in Attendance:

Rocio Villalobos – Immigrant Affairs Program Manager, Equity Office

Jeremy Garza – Business Process Consultant, Equity Office (in attendance remotely)

Laura Esparza – Division Manager, Parks & Recreation Department

Tony Vo – Culture & Arts Education Manager, Asian American Resource Center

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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.

Martha Langford: Concerned citizen from the Northeast Austin area, north of 183, and east of I-35. It took forty years to get a recreation center, but that is the only city service in the area. There is no library and no senior center serving this region. There is a tremendous need for city services, especially for seniors and the aging community in the area. Big concern for shut-in seniors, who are left in the house. There is a growing population of seniors in Northeast Austin.

Neomi Delagdo: Urges the commission to take action to advocate City Council for a new senior center in northeast Austin, on the grounds of the Gus Garcia Recreation Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the COMMISSION's REGULAR MEETING on JULY 18th, 2023.

The minutes from the meeting of JULY 18th, 2023 were approved 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).

STAFF BRIEFING

2. Staff Briefing from Tony Vo – Director of the Asian American Resource Center on the recent impact report, upcoming events, and introducing AARC staff.

Introduction given by PARD Division Manager, Larua Esparza. Presentation given by PARD Culture & Arts Manager, Tony Vo. See backup for presentation.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Community Briefing and discussion on the AANHPI Audience Research & Personas – Presentation by Kana Hammon, Narrative Strategist at Asian American Futures.

Presentation given by Kana Hammon, Narrative Change Strategist at Asian American Futures. Kana encourages Commissioners to reach out at kana@asianamericanfutures.org. See backup for presentation and research summary.

4. Discussion & introductions of all commissioners new and old. Special welcome to two new commissioners Seonhye “Sonny” Sin and Satyajeet Dodia.

Commission now only has one vacancy in an at-large commission member position.

5. Discussion on the 2022-2023 annual report, authored by Chair, Hanna Huang.

Briefing on the annual report given by the Chair. See backup for presentation.

6. Discussion on the departmental responses to Boards & Commission's FY24 Budget Recommendations, published online to the public on August 4th, including discussion on the budget recommendation response on Language Access dollars in the city, and the budget workshop with department leadership on Saturday, September 9th.

AAQoL attendance at the Budget Workshop include: Commissioners Hanna Huang, Lily Trieu, Nayer Sikder, Pierre Nguyen, and Seonhye “Sonny” Sin.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

7. Discussion on recruitment for an at-large commissioner with possible action on appointing a new at-large commissioner to fill the single vacant seat, as recommended by the Community Stakeholder Workgroup.

The motion to *appoint Padmini Jambulapati as an at-large member of the Asian American Quality-of-Life Advisory Commissioner* was approved on COMMISSIONER PIERRE NGUYEN motion, COMMISSIONER SARAH CHEN’s second on a 12 – 0 vote. (Absent: D3 Commissioner Kuo Yang & D1 Commissioner Kymberlie Quong-Charles).

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8. Review and discuss the scope of all current working groups and possible action to update membership.

Budget Workgroup: Added Commissioner Sin.

Community Stakeholder Workgroup: No action taken, and the workgroup will automatically dissolve when City Council approve appointment and on-boarding paperwork for the new at-large member is complete.

AARC Workgroup: Added Commissioner Lan, Dodia, and Nguyen.

Public Health & Safety Workgroup: No action taken.

JIC Workgroup: Added Commissioner Sin.

The motion to add Commissioner Sin to the Budget Workgroup; and add Commissioners Lan, Dodia, and Nguyen to the AARC Workgroup; and add Commissioner Sin to the JIC Workgroup was approved on COMMISSIONER SARAH CHEN's motion, COMMISSIONER HANNA HUANG's second on a 12 – 0 vote. (Absent: D3 Commissioner Kuo Yang & D1 Commissioner Kymberlie Quong-Charles).

WORKING GROUP UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

9. Budget Workgroup (*Commissioners Sarah Chen, Hanna Huang, Kymberlie Quong-Charles, Mohsin Lari & Sonny Sin*) – Updates on the FY23-24 Budget Recommendation Process
10. Community Stakeholder Workgroup (*Commissioners Fang Fang, Kimberlie Quong-Charles, Sabring Sha, & Mohsin Lari*) – Updates on commissioner vacancies and discussion on the marketing strategy to solicit applications to fill stakeholder vacancies.
11. Asian American Resource Center (AARC) Workgroup (*Commissioners Hanna Huang, Kuo Yang, Lily Trieu, Anna Lan, Satyajeet Dodia, Pierre Nguyen, Kirk Yoshida & Vincent Cobalis*) – Updates & discussion on Phase II, staffing & budget, friends of AARC group development.
12. Public Health & Safety Workgroup (*Commissioners Lily Trieu, Kuo Yang, Pierre Nguyen, and Zahra Shakur Jamal-Hassan*).
13. Joint Inclusion Committee (*Commissioners Hanna Huang, Nayer Sikder, & Sonny Sin*) – General update and discussion on the coalition building work of the JIC.

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

14. Call for items from Committee members:

Nomination of a primary representative to the JIC

City of Austin's Anti-Hate Education and Outreach Initiative

APD Office of the Community Liaison

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 scheduled 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)

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).

ADJOURNMENT

15. The meeting is adjourned at: **8:33 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 September 19th, 2023 on COMMISSIONER HANNAH HUANG's motion, COMMISSIONER PIERRE NGUYEN's second on a 13 – 0 vote. (Absent: *Seonhye "Sonny" Sin and Fang Fang*)**