

AARC Workgroup Meeting Agenda/Notes

- **Purpose:** Follow activities and updates affecting the Asian American Resource Center's programs, Master Plan, Phase 2 and more.
- **Commissioners:** Hanna Huang, Kuo Yang, Satyajeet Dodia, Luan Tran, Pierre Nguyen
- **Citizens:** Vince Cobalis (NAAO), Kirk Yoshida (former AAQoL Commissioner), Debasree Dasgupta (NAAO), Schiller Liao (NAAO)
- **Relevant City Employees:** AARC Staff, Laura Esparza (MCP Division Manager), PARD planning staff
- Link to previous Workgroup Meeting minutes:
<https://app.box.com/s/gogzwhx8i32wnhrl9m54jww0e4yry1g1>

Date: 4/15/2024 @ 12pm

Location: Teams (organized by Tony Vo)

Attended: Tony Vo, Christina Bies, Leslie Perez, Seon-Ju Seung-Bickley, Fabian Duran, Satyajeet Dodia, Hanna Huang, Vince Cobalis, Debasree DasGupta, Lila Grace Pandey

Agenda:

1. AARC Staff Updates (departures, hires, delegation)
 - a. Marketing Rep – Seon-Ju Seung-Bickley
 - b. Rec Specialist (Senior Program) - next Monday
 - c. Supervisor – hiring freeze, has to stop process and notify all applicants, Fabian is acting currently. Supervisor position didn't go through market adjustment (Event Coordinator position earns more than it currently)
 - d. Division Manager – Hanna sent some recs to Jodi Jay
2. AARC Program Updates
 - a. World Taichi Day April 27
 - b. CelebrASIA May 18 – AAQoL Posting?
 - c. Citizenship Clinic w/ American Gateways May 4 (USCIS will be present as well)
 - d. Asian American Professionals Summit May 3
 - e. 4 Exhibits currently – Seniors photovoice, senior archiving, vessels: handle with care, Julia Lee artist talk
3. AARC Building/etc updates
 - a. AC been doing well so far
 - b. PARD rainy day fund is ½ mil – could cover major hvac failures
4. NAAO donor wall -
 - a. Contractor secured, NAAO to approve funding at next meeting
 - b. Next Steps: AARC needs mockup to go through PARD approvals, Schiller to follow up, then contract is drafted before construction & work can happen
 - c. Moved from outside to main hallway next to Foyer
 - d. Contract will also address what to do with existing wall
5. Phase 2 discussion & updated timeline
 - a. Staff updates
 - i. Christina is now at Capital Services Dept

- ii. Leslie Perez now PARD Liaison
 - iii. Jackie Armstrong from Capital Services Dept taking notes
- b. Completed preliminary design in March programming session
- c. Multipurpose space 750 sq ft (30x25 ~50 occupants) connected to an Exterior multipurp platform/porch
 - i. Kitchenette/BOH circulation 100sf
 - ii. Will be near middle of lawn area outside of critical root zone of heritage trees
 - iii. Concepts – Bar, Cavern
 - iv. Staff & Commissioners shared feedback
 - v. Pricing out both with FlintCo
 - vi. Community input – also share options explored, summer
 - vii. Q's
 - 1. Ceiling fans/cooling options (yes will plan for this)
 - 2. Additional lighting options in great lawn?
 - viii. Next
 - 1. Design team will refine 45-60 days
 - 2. Hoping for construction summer 2025
- 6. FY 25 Budget Recommendations Submitted:
 - a. [Front Desk Support](#)
 - b. [Senior Language Program Access](#)
- 7. Other
 - a. Commissioner Luan Tran interested in learning more about senior program

Future Agenda Items / Other Notes

- 1. Friends/Supporter group development for AARC
 - a. Hailey going to ask AACHI board – Hanna needs to follow up
 - b. Powell foundation maybe interested in future capital improvement in parks