

Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development
Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 6:30 pm
441 4th Street NW Room 721 North
Washington, DC 20001

Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions
 - Meeting was opened by Chair John Tinpe
 - Commissioners offered introductions. In attendance
 - MOAPIA: Ben de Guzman, Ngoc Trinh
 - COAPIA in Person: John Tinpe, KJ Bagchi, Martha Watanabe, Jennifer Hara, Bruce Leal, Janet Namkung, Ronak Desai, Narajan Adhikari
 - COAPIA by Phone: Ben Takai
 - Community Member: Rahul Kulkani

- Director's Report, Director DeGuzman, MOAPIA.
 - Director reviewed events outlined in the Director's Report
 - The Director underlined the Mayor's support of MOAPIA events
 - The Director emphasized his focus on cultural competency and cultural appropriateness training for DC offices
 - The Director expressed the need to fully staff the office in light of several staffers' departure
 - The Deputy Chief of Staff for the Mayor has now moved to the Chief Technology Officer
 - Shawn Townsend has been named the Director of the Mayor's Office of Nightlife and Culture.
 - The Mayor's Office on Community Affairs will meet on January 29th to convene Boards and Commissions across different agencies to connect and to discuss common concerns and priorities.

- Chinese New Year Celebration Parade and Festival
Sunday, February 10, 2019, 1pm, 6th and I St NW.

- State of Chinatown
 - Chaia Tacos, 615 I St. NW
 - New Year Festival and Parade, Sunday, February 10, 2019, 11 am lunch, 1 pm Parade.
 - Chinatown Senior Health Center, Wah Luk House, 800 6th St NW (Proposed Plan)
 - The budget has been developed to improve the Chinatown Arch and now the timeframe is being finalized. MOAPIA is involved in these plans.
 - Commissioner Takai suggested that all individual business development in Chinatown be submitted to the Director and included as part of the Executive report but not used as a point to discuss at each meeting.

- DC Public Schools (DCPS)
 - Preparation for Confirmation Hearing of the new Public School Chancellor by DC Council.
 - Commissioners discussed participation in the confirmation hearings and next steps in informing the Chancellor's role.

- 2019 Goals for MOAPIA/COAPIA
 - Mayoral goals for second term affecting AAPI communities
 - Director de Guzman went over his goals and how they align with the Mayor's broader initiatives for the city.

- Strategic plan from MOAPIA and how COAPIA can support success
 - Commissioner Desai suggested the bylaws be reviewed to find the parameters of the activity of the commission to establish what the priorities should be.
 - The report from the community forum was discussed as a way to form goals and priorities.
 - Commissioners Namkung, Leal, Desai, Hara, Bagchi, and Takai volunteered to form a committee to use the community forum report to inform any collaboration and prioritization of initiatives.

- Community Engagement
 - Commissioner Bagchi expressed his want for the commission to play a more active role in community activism and to be more interconnected with other agencies and other branches of the DC government including collaborations
 - Director de Guzman talked about a Mayor's open house of the different offices to interact
 - Ideas to increase involvement by community in monthly COAPIA meetings
 - Commissioner Takai discussed how it would be good to bring in HBI DC to talk about Hepatitis within immigration population
 - Mr. Kulkani discussed a startup he is involved in that targets AAPI communities by providing mental health services for those communities with culturally sensitive services

Meeting Adjournment

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 6:30 pm

Questions:

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