

Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development  
Wednesday, March 20, 2019, 6:30 pm  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW Room 721 North  
Washington, DC 20001

- Welcome/Introductions
  - Meeting was opened by Chair John Tinpe
  - Commissioners offered introductions. In attendance
    - MOAPIA: Ben de Guzman, Henry Duong
    - CAPIA in Person: John Tinpe, Martha Watanabe, Jennifer Hara, KJ Bagchi, Meina Banh, Ronak Desai
    - CAPIA by Phone: Ben Takai, Niranjan Adhikari, Kishan Putta, Janet Namkung
  
- Director's Report, Acting Director de Guzman, MOAPIA.
  - Director reviewed events outlined in the Director's Report
  - Director shared that the budget oversight hearing before the DC Council is on April 11 and the Public Roundtable to confirm the Director is on March 29 and he encouraged all Commissioners to attend and submit and give testimony at both hearings
  - Director stressed the need to encourage AAPI participation in the next Census
  - Commissioner Chair Tinpe asked about any public response to the New Zealand shootings
    - Director de Guzman said the Mayor's Office of Religious Affairs is taking the lead on community outreach and any MOAPIA activities would include input from the Commission
  
- AAPI Heritage Celebration in May
  - Mayor's AAPIHM Celebration will be on May 7 and Foodelicious Night will be on May 22
  - The May 7 event's MC will be Allison Farris, Miss DC 2018
  - The AAPI members of the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington will be singing the national anthem
  - Performance groups are still being finalized

- Commission Task Force Report
  - Commissioner Namkung and Commissioner Takai discussed the activity during the taskforce call including:
    - Aligning focus areas with MOAPIA deliverables along with any additional areas of focus commissioners put forth as important to the DC AAPI community
    - Structure of possible task force committees and the reporting structure
  - It was decided to set aside time at the April meeting to discuss formation of task forces
  
- May AAPI heritage Month Celebration Award Nomination Selection
  - Commissioners discussed candidates that have been put forth and decided on the award recipients who will be notified in advance of the next meeting.

Meeting Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 6:30 pm

Questions:

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