

Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development  
Wednesday, April 17, 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, Meina Banh, Ronak Desai, Niranjana Adhikari
    - CAPIA by Phone: Ben Takai, Bruce Leal, Kishan Putta
  
- Presentation from Louis Charles Hicks, Jr. of HumanitiesDC
  - AAPI Heritage Community Grant Opportunity
  - Mr. Hicks asked the Commission and MOAPIA help spread the word
  - Mr. Hicks will follow up with Henry to send more information
  
- Presentation from Ted Gong of 1882 Foundation
  - Symposium Smithsonian American History Museum May 9-11
  - Stamp coming out on May 10<sup>th</sup> to commemorate 150th Anniversary of the Transcontinental Train
  
- Director's Report, Acting Director de Guzman, MOAPIA.
  - Director reviewed events outlined in the Director's Report
  - Director shared staffing updates
  - Director announced the performers line-up for the May 6 AAPI Celebration and chefs line-up for the May 21 Foodelicious
  - Director shared a list of AAPI events MOAPIA will be co-sponsoring or participating in: TECRO Dragon Boat, DC National Guard Outreach event during AAPI Heritage Month event, Language Access 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Capital Pride AAPI event
  - Director: MOAPIA to compile list of AAPI events in DC during May
  - Director shared that the Budget Oversight Hearing before the DC Council is on April 22 and the Public Roundtable to confirm the Director is on April 25 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
  
- Commission Task Force Report
  - Mental Health Task Force update from Commissioner Leal
    - Need space for events
    - Commissioner Leal will coordinate with MOAPIA
  - NHPI Task Force from Commissioner Leal
    - Director de Guzman will reach out to OHA and other PI offices
    - Director de Guzman will provide updated demographic information about NHPI population in the District
  - For next meeting, each commissioner will send list of proposals for a task force that they want to create.

#### Meeting Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 6:30 pm

Questions:

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