Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development

Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 6:30 pm

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Meeting Minutes

* Welcome/Introductions
	+ Meeting was opened by Chair John Tinpe
	+ Commissioners offered introductions. In attendance
		- MOAPIA Staff: Ben de Guzman, James Yu
		- COAPIA: John Tinpe, Ben Takai, Bruce Leal, Jennifer Hara, Niranjan Adhikari, Ronak Desai and Karen Kwok
	+ Special Guests: Assistant Director in Charge (ADIC) for the FBI Washington (DC) Field Office, Mr. Steven M. D'Antuono.
* Assistant Director D’Antuono and his team shared remarks and information regarding resources and outreach to the AAPI community. Commissioners shared concerns and had a Q and A session with Assistant Director D’Antuono and his team.
* Director’s Report, Director Ben de Guzman, MOAPIA.
	+ Director de Guzman briefed the Commission on MOAPIA activities.
		- COVID vaccination clinic with the Mayor’s Office on Religious Affairs, Howard University, Wah Luck House, and the Chinese Community Church was very successful.
		- May 1 is a Day of Action in the community to ensure every DC resident gets an opportunity to sign up for vaccinations.
		- New Community Outreach Specialist (Vietnamese speaking), Lap Nguyen, was on boarded on April 19th, 2021. Also hiring two other Community Outreach Specialists who are fluent in Chinese and in Korean.
		- Still open positions on the Commission.
		- Community outreach with District partners and updates from the community.
		- Outreach in Ward 8 (Hope Fest) at Busboys and Poets. Commissioner Leal participated in-person. Next steps will be forthcoming.
		- MPD joint efforts.
		- DCRA specific language support.
	+ Commissioner Hara thanked Director Guzman and the office for hosting and participating in the community meeting with the African American community to discuss issues.
* Sub-Committee “Equity Report”
	+ Commissioner Leal updated the Commission on the latest progress of our Annual Report. August is the 35th anniversary of the Report so this is a deadline they are working toward.
* Sub-Committee “Pacific Islander Task Force”
	+ University program. Discussion of history of other state efforts.
* AAPI Heritage Month
	+ Discussed the Service Awards nominations.

Meeting Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 19, 2021, 6:30 pm

Questions:

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