Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development

Wednesday, March 17, 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, Dana Tai Soon Burgess, Ronak Desai, Karen Kwok, Bruce Leal, Jennifer Hara, and Tiffany Hsieh
	+ Special Guest: MOCA Director Faith Gibson-Hubbard
* MOCA Director Faith Gibson-Hubbard made introductory remarks and discussed concerns, shared the agenda of CAPIA, MOAPIA, and MOCA with Commissioners.
* Director Ben de Guzman opened with comments regarding the unfortunate shootings in GA on 3/16/21.
* Director’s Report, Director Ben de Guzman, MOAPIA.
	+ Director de Guzman briefed the Commission on MOAPIA activities.
		- Director de Guzman highlighted the District’s shift to a pre-registration process for COVID-19 vaccination.
		- The Public Health Emergency is extended to May 20, 2021.
		- Additional updates regarding changes for schools, businesses, parks, and other areas were also announced.
		- Congratulated the six Commissioners (Benjamin Takai, John Tinpe, Jennifer Hara, Ronak Desai, Tiffany Hsieh, Dana Tai Soon Burgess) who were sworn in on 3/16/21.
	+ Commissioner Ben Takai requested a representative from DC Office of Human Rights and MPD’s Special Liaison Unit to join a meeting to discuss the rise of anti-Asian bias.
* Sub-Committee “Equity Report”
	+ Commissioner Leal updates the Commission on the latest progress of our Annual Report.
* AAPI Heritage Month
	+ Information Officer Yu updated Commission on an overview of MOAPIA’s month long virtual celebration (Will be highlighting a particular aspect of DC’s AAPI Community on a weekly basis).
	+ Discussed the nomination process and announcing of the Service Awards virtually.
* FY21 Budget Engagement feedback from Commissioners
	+ Commissioners gave their feedback on Mayor Muriel Bowser’s FY21 Budget Plan.
* Miscellaneous
	+ Commissioner Jennifer Hara was nominated and appointed as Secretary of CAPIA.
	+ The Commission discussed the tragic shooting in Georgia and the rise in hate crimes against the AAPI community.

Meeting Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 6:30 pm

Questions:

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