

**DC Mayor's Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs
Meeting Minutes - 08/12/2014 at 6:30 pm at OAPIA**

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August 12, 2014**

Attendance: Soohyun "Julie" Koo, Dory Peters, Ada Loo, Dana Tai Soon Burgess, Simone Jacobson, Nicholas Lephram, Ajay Ojha, Laura Shin, and Surjeet Ahluwalia.

Commission Chair Ada Loo announced Commissioner Dana Tai Soon Burgess as the Vice-Chair. Commission Chair Loo also welcomed Surjeet Ahluwalia, one of four potential commissioners pending council approval. Commission Chair Loo asked for recommendations to four vacant seats.

Commission Chair Loo discussed the absentee policy outlined in section 107 of the bylaws (*i.e.* if a commissioner misses 3 consecutive meetings, then s/he will be asked to resign). Participation in meetings via telephone is fine and will not be considered being absent from a meeting.

Commission Chair Loo discussed changing the remaining meeting schedule for the rest of the year to every other month which means the next meetings will be in October and December for the rest of 2014. If a meeting is needed on an "off" month, then a meeting will be called and proper notice will be given. This was voted on by the commissioners for this change because currently the meetings are every month and have been publically announced as such. The commissioners voted unanimously to make this change.

Discussion on how quorum is defined resulted in a review of the bylaws and the DC code, which it was discovered that quorum is defined differently in the DC code and the bylaws. The bylaws will be amended to reflect the DC code's definition of quorum which is majority plus one.

Commission Chair Loo announced that the officers are Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary and that the Chair would like a secretary to be voted in by the next meeting in October. Commission Chair Loo asked commissioners to consider this opportunity.

Commission Chair Loo encouraged commissioners to review the bylaws and DC code for any proposed changes to the bylaws. Commissioner Burgess provided a change to the list of proposed changes to the bylaws. Commission Chair Loo asked that proposed changes be submitted by the next meeting in October.

OAPIA Director Soohyun "Julie" Koo provided the OAPIA update. She provided a status on the museum square apartments housing issue. In addition, she shared about an event that took place on July 30th - the AAPI Youth Art Mural Project. Commissioner Simone Jacobson asked about the Sister Cities Panda Project. Commissioner Laura Shin asked about the James Oh incident.

Commission Chair Loo discussed the survey and indicated that the results will be discussed in further detail at the next meeting in October.

Announcements: Viet Fest this weekend; job opportunities via Commissioner Jacobson (APIASF); Commission Chair Loo will send out a doodle to schedule the October meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.