Government of the District of Columbia

Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development

Wednesday, October 17, 2017 at 6:30pm

Mayor’s Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

441 4th St NW, Suite 721 North

Washington, DC

* **Welcome/Introductions**
  + Meeting was opened by Chair John Tinpe
  + Commissioners offered introductions. In attendance:
    - CAPIA
      * Ben Takai; Jennifer Hara; John Tinpe; Helen Lee; Elena Son; Easten Law
    - MOAPIA
      * Phuong Nguyen
    - Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency
      * Walter Chin
    - DC Public Library
      * Bobbie Dougherty
* **Update from MOAPIA**
  + Guest Speaker
    - Symi Rom-Rymer, Lead Community Organizer, InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington DC.
      * Ms. Rom-Rymer briefed the commission on the purpose of the Interfaith Response and Outreach Coalition, which is to combat hate crimes and bias incidents in the DC metro area by forming groups to form community responses. These groups combat hate incidents in the following ways:
        + Cleaning graffiti
        + Support groups during prayer ceremonies
        + Forming community dinners to support groups
        + Supporting religious organizations during events
  + DC Court Systems
    - Mr. Chin briefed the commission on the services currently being offered to the APIA community in terms of language access and culturally appropriate resources. Mr. Tinpe asked Mr. Chin to provide any links to services that the commission could offer.
  + Wah Luck House Update
    - Outreach and inclusion services were discussed in regards to Wah Luck House in terms of the DC Public Libraries’ efforts to reach out to the APIA community in Chinatown. In previous interactions the DCPL did not have access to translator services but was looking into having those available for future events. Commissioner Law asked about pop-up events with the DCPL but none were planned at this time.
  + Director’s Report
    - Phuong Nguyen briefed the commission on the status of all current activities from the director’s office.
      * Ms. Nguyen reminded the commission on the Diwali celebration happening on October 25.
      * Ms. Nguyen reminded the commission on the annual toy drive celebration occurring on December 6th
      * Ms. Nguyen reminded the commission on MOAPIA’s regular outreach to small business owners, residents, and Community Based Organizations occurring on a regular basis
* **Next Commission Meeting:** The next meeting will occur on November 15th at 6:30 pm

Questions:

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