

Government of the District of Columbia  
Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development  
Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 6:30pm  
Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs  
441 4<sup>th</sup> St NW, Suite 721 North  
Washington, DC

- **Welcome/Introductions**

- Meeting was opened by Chair John Tinpe
- Commissioners offered introductions. In attendance:
  - CAPIA – In Person
    - John Tinpe, Ben Takai, Martha Watanabe, Ronak Desai, Jennifer Hara, Elena Son, Niranjana Adikhari, Julie Won, Kishan Putta, KJ Bagchi
  - CAPIA – By Phone
    - Greg Cendana, Meina Banh
  - MOAPIA
    - Dory Peters, Phuong Nguyen, Ellie Sung
  - 1882 Foundation
    - Ted Gong
  - Mayor's Office on Community Affairs
    - Richard Livingstone
    - Charlotte Flournoy
  - Ex Officios
    - Edward Davis, DHCD

- **Update from the 1882 Foundation, Chinatown Talk Stories**

- Ted Gong
  - Mr. Gong explained that the 1882 Foundation gathers oral histories and historical preservation of Chinese and Asian American histories.
  - Mr. Gong also explained that the monthly events, hosted on the fourth Sunday of each month also encompass the following:
    - Comedic standup
    - Storytelling (Talk Stories)
    - Film Screenings
  - Mr. Gong described how the Foundation has created a film collection stories about the Asian American experience, specifically as they're incorporated into the history of Washington DC and how they relate to current events on race relations and gentrification.
  - Mr. Gong illustrated that the Foundation also organizes teacher workshops and works with organizations to focus on different aspects of the Chinese American and Asian American experience.
  - Mr. Gong shared that the 1882 Foundation has also organized symposiums which bring museums that house exhibits on Asian Americans together with federal agencies that are associated with historical preservation to encourage collaboration and introduce more funding opportunities.

- **Update from Richard Livingstone, the Ward 2 liaison for the Executive Office of the Mayor**
  - Richard Livingstone
    - Mr. Livingstone reminded the Commission that the Mayor sends out a weekly newsletter that is available online.
    - Mr. Livingstone reviewed crime statistics with the Commission, highlighting a downward trend in overall crime and specifically in violent crime.
    - Mr. Livingstone underlined the Mayor's commitment to affordable housing opportunities for District residents including specifically the Wah Luck house in Chinatown.
    - Commissioner Son advocated for additional funding for educational opportunities in Ward 2 and Mr. Livingstone assured Ms. Son that the availability of funds would be checked and would update her on opportunities for organizations to apply for funding.
- **MPD Cultural Competency Training**
  - Ellie Sung
    - Ms. Sung updated the Commission on the status of a video being developed for cultural competency training for MPD.
      - The content will provide top community-cultural nuances to enhance community policing and trust building
      - The video is set to be rolled out in the first quarter of 2018
      - The video will be 30-45 minutes in length
    - In an effort to have as much input as possible, the development of the video has included the distribution of a survey that inquires about specific interactions with MPD as well as ways in which community members would like to see the MPD improve their cultural awareness when dealing with different communities.
- **Director's Report**
  - Phuong Nguyen reported on the ongoing work that the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs are conducting.
  - Phuong Nguyen and Dory Peters reminded the Commission about the events surrounding the Lunar New Year occurring in Chinatown including the parade and celebratory reception.

Miscellaneous Questions/Meeting Adjournment

- **Next Commission Meeting:** The next meeting will occur on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm

Questions:

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