

Government of the District of Columbia
Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development
Wednesday, February 27, 2018 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 – In Person
 - John Tinpe, Martha Watanabe, Ronak Desai, Elena Son, Niranjana Adikhari,
 - CAPIA – By Phone
 - Greg Cendana, Meina Banh, Helen Lee
 - MOAPIA
 - David Do, Phuong Nguyen, Emeline Kong
 - Shakti Foundation for Arts and Culture
 - Sambrita Basu
 - Ex Officios
 - Vincent Parker, DCRA

- **Director's Report**

- Director David Do introduced Emeline Kong, Staff Assistant and reported on the ongoing work that the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs is currently conducting.
- MOAPIA's Performance Oversight hearing is scheduled for March 9, 2018 at 10:00 in the John Wilson Building, Room 412. Persons wishing to testify may email: governmentoperations@dccouncil.us or by calling 202-724-6668.
- Commissioner Lee indicated that DPW's Zero Waste division would like to participate in the Restaurants Meeting with MOAPIA and DCRA.
- Director Do discussed the DC Tuition Assistance Grant (DCTAG) program and Commissioners had an opportunity to sign the petitions to urge Congress to save the program.

- **MPD Cultural Competency Training**

- Commissioner Watanabe updated the Commission on the status of a video being developed for cultural competency training for MPD. The video is a collaboration between MOAPIA, MOLA, MOAA and MPD.
- The content will provide top community-cultural nuances to enhance community policing and trust building.
- MOAPIA has surveyed community members about specific interactions with MPD as well as ways in which they would like to see the MPD improve their cultural awareness when dealing with different communities.
- MOAPIA plans to distribute a survey to police officers within MPD's Asian Liaison Unit to gather their input as well.

- **Update from Shakti Foundation for Arts and Culture**

- Sambrita Basu

- Ms. Basu explained that the Shakti Foundation for Arts and Culture provides DC metropolitan audiences with greater access to diverse cultural arts exposure through engaging immigrant communities. It provides more platforms and opportunities for cultural artists to share their art.
 - Ms. Basu explained that the organization currently hosts monthly showcases for artists around a certain theme. For example, February's theme was love and artists had the opportunity to share a song, dance, poem, or story from their heritage or culture related to love.
 - Ms. Basu inquired about MOAPIA's focus for this year and how collaboration between/across communities supports these priorities.
 - Director Do offered information about MOAPIA's community grants and opportunities to perform at agency events.
 - Commissioner Lee offered information about DPW's Recycling Truck Art Grant.

- **Update from Chairman Tinpe**

- Chairman Tinpe updated the Commissioner on the city's plan to renovate the Chinatown Arch.
 - Chairman Tinpe provided an update about Chinatown including businesses that will be opening, Ward 2 Prevention Council Walk and DDOT's plan to renovate 7th Street.

Miscellaneous Questions/Meeting Adjournment

- **Next Commission Meeting:** The next meeting will occur on March 21, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Questions:

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