

Government of the District of Columbia  
Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development  
Wednesday, April 18, 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, Martha Watanabe, Jennifer Hara, Meina Banh, Niranjan Adikhari, KJ Bagchi
  - CAPIA – By Phone
    - Ronak Desai, Kishan Putta, Ben Takai, Elena Son
  - MOAPIA
    - David Do, Phuong Nguyen and Emeline Kong
  - Ex – Officios
    - Edward Davis (DHCD), Shreya Khuntia (DOH)
  - Guest Speaker
    - Ben De Guzman, Mayor's Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Affairs

- **Community Announcements and Presentations**

- Ben De Guzman provided an overview of the mission of Mayor's Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Affairs and discussed his work with the both AAPI and LGBTQ communities. The importance of creating inclusive spaces for AAPI LGBT seniors, reaching out to university students and providing supports for homeless youth were among the topics that were discussed.
- Shreya Khuntia, new appointee to the Commission, introduced herself and offered more information about her role at the Department of Health.

- **Director's Report**

- Director David Do provided agency updates including MOAPIA's upcoming AAPI Leadership Action Forum and events in celebration of AAPI Heritage Month.

- **Ideas for New Events or Projects**

- Director Do invited Commissioners to discuss their ideas for new events or projects that they would like to see MOAPIA implement. This would be a Commission-led effort that the office would provide support for.
- Commissioner Hara and Watanabe expressed interest in hosting a reception or a similar event in honor of Fred Korematsu, the civil rights activist whose challenge of the Japanese American internment in World War II became a landmark U.S. Supreme Court case.
- Commissioner Putta inquired about the possibility of celebrating Holi, the Festival of Colors.
- Director Do requested that the Commissioners submit their ideas in writing with more information about the event plan and budget.

- **State of Chinatown**

- Chairman Tinpe updated the Commissioner about the Pat Handy Center and Judiciary House and the new restaurants that have plans to open in Chinatown.

Meeting Adjournment

- **Next Commission Meeting:** The next meeting will occur on May 16, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Questions:

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