

Government of the District of Columbia  
Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development  
Wednesday, June 20, 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, Ronak Desai, Jennifer Hara, Rebecca Lee, Janet Namkung, Bhavna Ghia
  - CAPIA – By Phone
  - MOAPIA
    - Phuong Nguyen
  - Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments
    - Steve Walker, Director
  - Alfred Liu

- **Swearing in of new Commissioners**

- Rebecca Lee and Bhavna Ghia were sworn in by Director Steve Walker

- **Director's Report**

- Ms. Phuong Nguyen reported on the ongoing work that the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs are conducting.
- Ms. Phuong Nguyen reported on the Chinatown festival occurring on July 7<sup>th</sup>
- Ms. Phuong Nguyen reported on behalf of Commissioner Martha Watanabe on the progress that the cultural sensitivity video has taken in collaboration with the MPD.

- **Discussion**

- Mr. Alfred Liu voiced concern on the lack of AAPI owned businesses remaining in Chinatown. He suggested further engagement from the commission to promote support of Chinatown and the cultural history it represents.
- Mr. Liu asked for continued support from the commission to encourage AAPI community involvement in the development and maintenance of Chinatown

Miscellaneous Questions/Meeting Adjournment

- **Next Commission Meeting:** The next meeting will occur on July 18th at 6:30 pm

Questions:

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