

Government of the District of Columbia
Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development
Wednesday, August 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; Kishan Putta; KJ Bagchi; Ronak Desai; John Tinpe; Janet Namkung; Niranjana Adhikari
 - MOAPIA
 - David Do; Phuong Nguyen

- **Update from MOAPIA**

- New Staff
 - Tu Ly and Dan Dan Zhang joined MOAPIA in August 2017 as Community Outreach Specialists.
- FY18 Asian and Pacific Islander Community Grants
 - MOAPIA is currently soliciting grant applications for our FY18 Asian and Pacific Islander Community Grants to fund programs that provide targeted services and resources to the District's API residents in areas of need in the community. Eligible organizations can be awarded up to \$75,000 and \$247,756 is available through the program in total.
- Immigrant Justice Legal Services Grant
 - The Bowser Administration has released a call for applications for the FY18 Immigrant Justice Legal Services Grant Program. Similar to last year, \$500,000 will be made available to fund programs that provide targeted services and resources to the DC immigrant population and their family members. The FY2018 Immigrant Justice Legal Services Grant Program will award grants of up to \$150,000 to organizations with a current and valid 501(c)(3) status, as well as private organizations, associations, and law firms that plan to mobilize pro bono legal services in order to provide immigration legal services.
- Chinatown Park Series
 - Tai Chi- Tai Chi every Thursday morning from 8:00 am – 9:00 am and every Saturday morning from 10:45 am – 11:45 am
 - Monday evening fitness sessions hosted by MOAPIA have concluded
 - Downtown BID will continue to offer these fitness sessions through the end of September.

- Movie Nights- The next movie night will take place on August 16 from 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm. MOAPIA will be screening Lion.

- **Chinatown Community**

- Historic Preservation Review Board, Ong Long Tong Community Church, 606 H Street NW(The building between Wok n' Roll and Pho 88 restaurants.)HPA# 17-414, Concept for a 7 story building with rear addition to a Historic row house. The proposed plan will build to the end of the property line and add two additional floors to this Historical building.

- **Healthcare, Housing, Language Access and Cultural Sensitivity**

- Commissioner Putta briefed the commission on healthcare issues including the state of the Affordable Care Act in the District, and the effect that the current federal administration has on Medicaid.
- Director Do discussed the current status of Museum Square in Chinatown: the landlord's opt-out of the Section 8 contract, the attempted demolition, and offer of sale for \$250 million. Housing Counseling Services, a grantee of MOAPIA's, assisted tenants to form a new Tenants Association, incorporate that association, respond to the Offer of Sale, and coordinate with attorneys who were able to represent the tenants to challenge the sales price in court as exceeding what could be considered a "Bona fide Offer of Sale". Tenants eventually won their case in the DC courts, which agreed that \$250 million is not a reasonable price for the building. While further action on the sale of the building from the owner is still pending, HCS, APALRC and MOAPIA are currently working with the tenants to train them about their rights and address current concerns that they may have.
- Director Putta raised to the commission that in conjunction with a hate crime in his neighborhood that the MPD is planning on doing cultural sensitivity training and stopping hate crimes and will keep the commission informed on how they can help. MPD plans to attend the next commission meeting.
- There were suggestions to have collaboration between commissions on interest groups in the city to come together to pool resources to address issues of bias.

Miscellaneous Questions/Meeting Adjournment

- Commissioner Tinpe informed the commission that a representative from the FBI will be at the next meeting to discuss ways to train agents in cultural sensitivity.
- **Next Commission Meeting:** The next meeting will occur on September 20th at 6:30 pm

Questions:

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