

**Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development**  
**Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 6:30 pm**  
**441 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW Room 721 North**  
**Washington, DC 20001**

Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions
  - Meeting was opened by Chair John Tinpe
  - Commissioners offered introductions. In attendance
    - MOAPIA: Ben de Guzman, Ngoc Trinh
    - COAPIA in Person: John Tinpe, KJ Bagchi, Martha Watanabe, Jennifer Hara, Bruce Leal, Janet Namkung, Ronak Desai, Narajan Adhikari
    - COAPIA by Phone: Ben Takai
    - Community Member: Rahul Kulkani
  
- Director's Report, Director DeGuzman, MOAPIA.
  - Director reviewed events outlined in the Director's Report
  - The Director underlined the Mayor's support of MOAPIA events
  - The Director emphasized his focus on cultural competency and cultural appropriateness training for DC offices
  - The Director expressed the need to fully staff the office in light of several staffers' departure
  - The Deputy Chief of Staff for the Mayor has now moved to the Chief Technology Officer
  - Shawn Townsend has been named the Director of the Mayor's Office of Nightlife and Culture.
  - The Mayor's Office on Community Affairs will meet on January 29th to convene Boards and Commissions across different agencies to connect and to discuss common concerns and priorities.
  
- Chinese New Year Celebration Parade and Festival  
Sunday, February 10, 2019, 1pm, 6<sup>th</sup> and I St NW.
  
- State of Chinatown
  - Chaia Tacos, 615 I St. NW
  - New Year Festival and Parade, Sunday, February 10, 2019, 11 am lunch, 1 pm Parade.
  - Chinatown Senior Health Center, Wah Luk House, 800 6<sup>th</sup> St NW (Proposed Plan)
  - The budget has been developed to improve the Chinatown Arch and now the timeframe is being finalized. MOAPIA is involved in these plans.
  - Commissioner Takai suggested that all individual business development in Chinatown be submitted to the Director and included as part of the Executive report but not used as a point to discuss at each meeting.

- DC Public Schools (DCPS)
  - Preparation for Confirmation Hearing of the new Public School Chancellor by DC Council.
    - Commissioners discussed participation in the confirmation hearings and next steps in informing the Chancellor's role.
- 2019 Goals for MOAPIA/COAPIA
  - Mayoral goals for second term affecting AAPI communities
    - Director de Guzman went over his goals and how they align with the Mayor's broader initiatives for the city.
- Strategic plan from MOAPIA and how COAPIA can support success
  - Commissioner Desai suggested the bylaws be reviewed to find the parameters of the activity of the commission to establish what the priorities should be.
  - The report from the community forum was discussed as a way to form goals and priorities.
  - Commissioners Namkung, Leal, Desai, Hara, Bagchi, and Takai volunteered to form a committee to use the community forum report to inform any collaboration and prioritization of initiatives.
- Community Engagement
  - Commissioner Bagchi expressed his want for the commission to play a more active role in community activism and to be more interconnected with other agencies and other branches of the DC government including collaborations
    - Director de Guzman talked about a Mayor's open house of the different offices to interact
  - Ideas to increase involvement by community in monthly COAPIA meetings
    - Commissioner Takai discussed how it would be good to bring in HBI DC to talk about Hepatitis within immigration population
  - Mr. Kulkani discussed a startup he is involved in that targets AAPI communities by providing mental health services for those communities with culturally sensitive services

#### Meeting Adjournment

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 6:30 pm

Questions:

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