

**DC Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs
November Commission Meeting Notes
March 21, 2017 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM**

- **Welcome/Introductions**

- Meeting was opened by Chair John Tinpe
- Commissioners offered introductions. In attendance:
 - CAPIA
 - Martha Watanabe; Ben Takai; On the phone -- Greg Cendana; Mina Bahn; Ronak Desai
 - MOAPIA
 - David Do and Phuong Nguyen
 - MOCA
 - Charlotte Flournoy
 - ABRA
 - Sarah Fashbaugh, Community resource Officer

- **Community Announcements and Presentations**

- Ms. Fashbaugh briefed the commission on how the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) works with different communities including non-native English speaking communities. She explained that ABRA actively uses a language access line to contact translators in the event that applicants and customers need translation services. The ABRA website is also available in several non-English languages as designated by DC government as primary non-English languages spoken by DC residents.

- **Update from MOAPIA**

- Director Do reminded the commission that the Mayor's "State of the Union" speech will be delivered on Thursday March 30th at 5:30pm at Wilson High School. Director Do also reminded the commission that the MOAPIA Budget Oversight Hearing will occur on April 7. Director Do announced that \$500,000 was distributed to ten awardees through the Immigration Legal Services Grant. Commissioners also discussed the appointment of the new Chief of Police.

- **Language Access and Cultural Sensitivity**

- Commissioner Watanabe briefed the commission on the language access and cultural trainings that were being implemented in conjunction with the Offices of African Affairs, Latin Affairs, and MOAPIA.

- **Chinatown Community**

- Ms. Nguyen updated the commission on the 2017 Park Series
- Chair Tinpe lead the discussion on the DCRA application and communicated that there were no current plans on what is being done with the building but that Oxford Properties is currently working with the historical society and community groups.

- **AAPJ Heritage Month**

- Ms. Nguyen announced that the AAPJ Heritage Award Celebration will be on May 8 at the Howard Theater.

- Commissioners discussed the prospective nominees for the Mayor's Community Service Award and the Volunteer Service Award.
 - For Commissioners, who were not able to attend the meeting or participate by phone; if you have any strong preferences on candidates, please circulate your comments to all of Commissioners for review as soon as possible. The deadline for submission to Ms. Nguyen is noon on Friday, March 24.
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- **Next Commission Meeting:** TBD by Chair Tinpe