

**DC Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs**  
**July Commission Meeting Notes**  
**July 8, 2015 from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM**

- Welcome/Announcements
  - Meeting was opened by Chair Ada Loo
  
- Attendance
  - Present -- Ada Loo; Nick Lephram; Martha Watanabe; Surjeet Ahluwalia; Erick Hosaka; Christina Truong; David Do.
  - On the phone -- Jed Wulfekotte; Laura Shin
  
- MOAPIA Updates/Announcements – Director Do
  - Series of Outdoor Activities at Chinatown Park
  - Summer Social – Asked Commissioners to help advertise the event; flyers will be shared
  - Synthetic Drugs Awareness – Mayor will announce a new bill which will increase penalties and provide Chief of Police immediate enforcement power to close businesses; outreach to Korean Grocers Association, local liquor associations, and the like
  - Director Office Hours in all 8 wards continue – Met with individuals within the different wards covering issues such as funding opportunities with local non-profits and assist Ward 6 with a language immersion network
  - Community Action Meeting scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup> – 6 hour event (location: TBD), need Commissioners to help advertise and be part of the planning. Working with a contractor – Public Engagement Associates and would like to schedule a retreat with the Commission. It was decided at the meeting to have this retreat on Thursday July 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.
  - Commissioner Shin asked about the Tai Chi – Director Do confirmed that it is every Tuesday morning at 8 am.
  
- Discussion re. Revised By-laws and DC Code
  - Chair Loo reviewed the concerns where MOTA added to Sections 110.3 and 114.1 the following language: “...and only upon approval of the Director of OAPIA” stating that it is inconsistent with DC Code. Commission agreed to have OAPIA have MOTA and General Counsel to review this language and will accept all changes to the revisions by MOTA except for the language at issue. Chair Loo will provide the Commission’s reasoning to OAPIA for it to be reviewed by MOTA and the General Counsel.
  
- Status on Commission Vacancies
  - Director Do and Christina will look into the status of the nominations submitted to MOTA.
  - Director Do encouraged Commission to submit names.
  - Chair Loo will send Christina an updated Commission Roster.
  
- Commission Webpage
  - It was determined that Christina Truong will maintain the Commission’s webpage
  - Commission agreed to add the names of the Commissioners and short BIOs to the webpage
  
- Strategic Planning Session with MOAPIA

- Director Do asked what issues Commission would like to see discussed.
  - Affordable Housing was raised by Commissioner Ahluwalia; Reach out to the “new” AAPI community was raised by Commissioner Lephram both of which were discussed at some length
  - Commissioner Watanabe will help OAPIA regarding current census data and also provide a contact for the “I AM AAPI” website.
  - Commissioner Hosaka asked about the Commission’s strategic planning discussions that took place at the end of last year. Chair Loo indicated that the meeting with Public Engagement Associates next week will hopefully be the continuation of those discussions along with MOAPIA.
- Announcements
  - Commissioner Ahluwalia shared about the AALEAD summer program – serving 120 youths at Walker-Jones Education campus; a 6 weeks long summer program with workshops covering educational empowerment, identity, and leadership.
  - Next Commission Meeting will be **BY PHONE** on September 9 at 6:30 PM.

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