

**DC Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs
July Commission Meeting Notes
July 19, 2016 from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM**

- **Welcome/Introductions**

- Meeting was opened by David Do, Director of MOAPIA
- In attendance:
 - CAPIA
 - Martha Watanabe; Sapna Pandya; Ben Takai; Karissa Barnett, Ronak Desai, and Kishan Putta. On the phone—Jed Wulfekotte; Ben Bahk; and Meina Banh
 - MOAPIA
 - David Do; Esther Kang

- **Agenda Items**

- MOAPIA Updates were provided by Director Do.
 - Director Do announced 3 staff vacancies at MOAPIA.
 - Director Do announced the release of MOAPIA's RFA for its FY 17 AAPI Community Grant.
 - Director Do asked for recommendations from the Commission.
 - MOAPIA has been hosting Chinatown Park Start FRESH! Summer series.
 - Ongoing: Weekly Yoga on Mondays at 6:30 PM; Weekly Tai Chi on Thursdays, 8 AM; Asian Movie Night: Japanese Movie Night (8/17) at 8 PM.
 - Other events: Weekly Arcadia Mobile Market in Chinatown on Wednesdays at 10 AM.
 - Questions for Director Do
 - Commissioner Pandya asked about how to obtain vouchers for the Arcadia Mobile Market in Chinatown.
 - Director Do explained that customers trying to obtain vouchers for the Arcadia Mobile Market in Chinatown must present an ID and Medicare, Medicaid or SNAP Card to Mobile market staff on site to receive \$10 vouchers
 - Commissioner Watanabe asked if commissioners could serve on MOAPIA's grant review panel.
 - Director Do explained that volunteers must make sure that there isn't a conflict of interest when reviewing grants to prevent biases—those affiliated with an organization that will apply for the grant will not be able to serve as a grant reviewer.
- Old Business:
 - AAF Summit
 - Commissioner Watanabe provided background information. MOAPIA held Community Meetings and drafted a report on the priorities for the AAPI community based on community member/ leader feedback. Based on the meeting "Affordable Housing Initiative" and "Cultural Diversity Training" were areas the commission viewed it could work on.
 - Establishment of Subcommittees

- Commission established 2 subcommittees: Housing Committee and Cultural Diversity Committee.
- New Business
 - Self-Introduction
 - Commissioner Kishan Putta suggested that commissioners in attendance and on the phone give a brief introduction about themselves.
 - Commissioners requested for an updated roster of all the commissioners, including contact information, to be disseminated among commission members.
 - Ms. Kang will send the most updated commission roster to commissioners.
 - Commission Vacancies
 - Commission needs to fill the Chair and Vice Chair positions
 - Director Do asked commission members to email nominations of commissioners that could serve as Chair and Vice Chair. Based on the responses from all commission members, another final round of voting will take place to decide on the Chair and Vice Chair.
 - Ms. Kang will send an email with a description of responsibilities of the Chair and Vice Chair to the commission.
 - Subcommittee Vacancies
 - Affordable Housing and Cultural Diversity subcommittee membership needs to be filled.
 - Commissioner Sandya and Commissioner Watanabe will provide a description of the scope of work for Housing Committee and Cultural Diversity Committee.
 - Status Update on Museum Square
 - Commissioner Pandya gave a briefing about work that had been done to assist Museum Sq. Residents—MLOV and others held a meeting with residents in March to answer question, get clarity on the situation of the tenants, and to explain the tenants’ right to remain in MASA.
 - Commissioner Pandya requested that the commission perform an action, similar to that of what it had done previously, through issuing a letter of support or resolution, to leverage support for MASA residents.
- Next Steps
 - Committee Chair and Vice Chair Nominations.
 - Arrange next meeting after Chair and Vice Chair are confirmed.
 - Find commissioners to serve in subcommittees.
