

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

- **Welcome/Introductions**

- Meeting was opened by Chair Ada Loo
  - Checked on swearing in of new commissioners. Christina will check on Commissioner Cendana's status.
- Introductions were made by each Commissioner present for invited guests
- Attendance:
  - CAPIA
    - In attendance -- Ada Loo; Martha Watanabe; Surjeet Ahluwalia; Dana Tai Soon Burgess; Easten Law; Sapna Pandya; Gregory Cendana
    - On the phone -- Jed Wulfekotte; Erick Hosaka; Ben Bahk; and K.J. Bagchi
  - MOAPIA
    - Present -- Christina Truong; David Do; Yiyang Guo

- **Agenda Items**

- Chinatown Living Arts Center: Vice Chair Burgess provided an overview of the Center and brought copies of an updated version of the proposal that was only arts focused. A feasibility study will be conducted by Compass in January 2016. The Center is projected to open in 2017. Chair Loo asked Vice Chair Burgess to share electronically copies of the proposal that he brought to the meeting for those who were not in attendance.
- CAPIA Logo: Commissioner Law started the discussion regarding CAPIA's logo and a brief discussion ensued concerning the name and the branding process. The current MOAPIA logo was accepted by the Commission and future discussions for a new logo that would represent the overall community will be considered at a later time but in the meantime, the MOAPIA logo will be used for consistency purposes and because it has already been approved by the EOM.
- Homelessness Resolution: Chair Loo sought for a vote on the resolution as written (draft was previously provided to the meeting for review) and it was approved unanimously by the Commission. Commissioner Ahluwalia expressed preference to have the Affordable Housing resolution published first or simultaneously prior to the Homelessness resolution.
- Museum Square: Residents of Museum Square Apts, Julie Becker from Legal Aid Society, Caroline Hennessey from Housing Counseling Services, and other activists were present to provide insight on the status of Museum Square. Translation services was also provided for the Chinese residents in attendance. Information obtained from the meeting was helpful for both MOAPIA and CAPIA to understand the current situation and to see what assistance is needed for the residents. Commissioner Pandya will take the lead to finalize CAPIA's resolution. Also, it was mentioned to the residents that one of CAPIA's priority on affordable housing led by Commissioner Nguyen will also be a part of this same effort.

- **Announcements**

- MOAPIA will have its annual toy drive and holiday celebration on December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Old Council Chambers (441 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW) from 5 pm to 7 pm.
- Next Commission meeting will be in late January.