

**DC Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs**  
**February Commission Meeting Notes**  
**February 4, 2016 from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM**

- **Welcome/Introductions**

- Meeting was opened by Chair Ada Loo
- Introductions were made by each Commissioner present
  - Chair Loo announced that she will not be seeking a second term. Encouraged Commissioners to consider being Chair.
- Attendance:
  - CAPIA
    - In attendance -- Ada Loo; Martha Watanabe; Surjeet Ahluwalia; Easten Law; Sapna Pandya; K.J. Bagchi; Thu Nguyen; Nick Lephram
    - On the phone -- Jed Wulfekotte; Erick Hosaka; Ben Bahk; Laura Shin; and Dana Tai Soon Burgess
  - MOAPIA
    - Present -- Christina Truong; Dory Peters

- **Agenda Items**

- MOAPIA Updates were provided by Dory Peters, Deputy Director of MOAPIA.
  - New Hires
    - Sinae Lee – New language access program coordinator
    - Soojin Ku (Korean Community Outreach Assistant) and Joe Nam Do (Vietnamese Community Outreach Specialist)
  - Preparing for Performance Oversight Meeting – Feb. 10 at 10 am.
  - Getting ready for APA Heritage Month
    - Seeking for nominations for the Mayor’s Community Service Award and Ajay’s Volunteer Service Award. Follow-up: Ms. Truong sent applications to CAPIA on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> via email.
  - Questions
    - Commissioner Pandya – Asked about the business amnesty program and volunteered to help Sinae Lee (language access coordinator) to coordinate and work with other offices, i.e., OLA and OAA.
- Admin Stuff facilitated by Christina Truong (CAPIA liaison)
  - Generic cards of 500 will be ordered; Ms. Truong will provide a proof to CAPIA before ordering them.
  - E-mail mentioned – must attend ethics training then get email address. Follow-up: Ms. Truong sent an email on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> to CAPIA informing them of the next ethics training: Wednesday, February 17, 2017, 2016, in G9 – the Wilson Building, from 5:30pm-7:30pm
- Status on CAPIA Priorities:
  - Cultural Diversity Training
    - Commissioner Watanabe provided a draft plan. Commissioner Watanabe will schedule a call to meet on the plan. Follow-up: Ms. Truong sent plan to CAPIA on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> via email.
  - Affordable Housing Initiative

- Commissioner Nguyen wants to establish a Housing Task Force to establish short term goals that can be accomplished in 6 months. Commissioner Nguyen will send out a doodle poll for those interested in being a part of this Task Force.
  - MOAPIA Grant Funding
    - Chair Loo addressed concerns regarding the grant process that occurred this past year, affecting 1Q funding. No funding has been provided as of the meeting. Deputy Director Peters provided an overview of the establishment of the GARB and the process. Notifications to grant awardees were sent in January. Concerns were raised regarding the performance goals to grantees to participate in at least 10 MOAPIA events. Objective is to increase visibility in AAPI community and civic participation. Dep. Dir. noted that this is not a requirement but has been proposed to the grantees. Concerns about lack of transparency and accountability to the CBOs who applied and received grants were discussed with consideration to send a formal letter to Director Charon Hines, Office of Community Affairs (via Director Do) outlining the concerns and asking for answers. Chair Loo will follow-up with Director Do on these concerns for best course of action. Follow-up: Meeting with Director Do is being scheduled for the week of Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Announcements**
  - MOAPIA Lunar New Year Social – Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> at Pho 14.
  - Chinatown New Year Parade – Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Next Commission Meeting – Chair Loo will send out a doodle poll for the April Commission Meeting
  - Next Swearing-In Ceremony – New date will be announced. New Commissioner – Benjamin Takai.

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