



The State of Washington

COMMISSION ON ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN AFFAIRS

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Improving the lives of Asian Pacific Americans

Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs Meeting

Clark Public Utilities
Orchards Service Center
8600 NE 117th St
Vancouver, WA 98662

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

Doug Heyamoto

CALL TO ORDER

Welcome and introductions were given. The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m., with CAPAA Chair Doug Heyamoto presiding.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Doug Heyamoto, Thi Huynh, Ron Chow, Rey Pascua, Tanya Tran, Jagdish Sharma, Fel Abille, Elliot Kim

Commissioners Absent: Lua Pritchard, Tony Lee, Bee Cha, Habib Habib

Staff Present: Jared Jonson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made and carried by Commissioner Huynh to add "New areas/direction for CAPAA" under new business after APA Heritage Month

Motion was made and carried by Commissioner Heyamoto to add "Next CAPAA Meeting date" under new business after new areas/direction for CAPAA

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried by Commissioner Heyamoto to approve the agenda

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 5, 2008 MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Huynh to correct spelling of "disaggregation" in the Executive Director's Report.

Motion was made by Commissioner Abille to add his name to the "Commissioners Absent" list.

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried by Commissioner Chow to adopt minutes as submitted.

Agency Overview

The CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.

REPORTS

CHAIR'S REPORT

Doug Heyamoto

- 1) Committees
 - Discussion of implementation of committee model
 - Committees should be more proactive
 - Committees to identify objectives present at next board meeting

Motion by Commissioner Chow to combine Human & Legal Rights Committee with Human Services & Immigration committee.

- 2) Board Meeting Attendance
 - Commissioners must be more accountable for meeting attendance

Motion by Commissioner Abille for CAPAA staff to create a "Commissioner Attendance Sheet"

- 3) Japan Week, April 19-29, Spokane, WA
- 4) New Consulate General of Japan Mitsunori Namba
- 5) Mark Kamitomo – Spokane APA Lawyer Racial Discrimination Incident
 - Granted Re-trial
 - Judge will discuss bias/prejudice at next jury selection
- 6) Peter Bautista – USDA
 - Has contacted Commissioners Heyamoto, Pascua, and Cha regarding APA farmers initiative

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Rey Pascua

- 1) Filipino American Community Hall 56th Anniversary Celebration March 29th in commemoration with the city of Wapato 100th Anniversary – \$25.00 Per Ticket
- 2) Yakima Valley Issues
 - Immigration Issues, working with Catholic Diocese of Yakima Immigration Committee
 - Deportations
 - Disproportional juvenile justice system
 - 47th Annual Japanese Sukiyaki Dinner was a success
 - Continuing Community Outreach Efforts

Commissioner Tanya Tran

- 1) Vietnamese New Year Events – Read Gov. Gregoire's Message
- 2) April 26th to commemorate Fall of Saigon
- 3) Vietnamese community is being underserved in Naturalization/Citizenship

Commissioner Thi Huynh

- 1) Joint Ethnic Legislative Reception – Thank you to commissioners who attended and represented CAPAA
- 2) APA Legislative Day
 - Meeting with Governor went well
 - Sikh Licensing issue resolved
 - Beginning work on Clemency cases for APA community

Commissioner Ron Chow

- 1) WSU Incident
 - Following up on efforts, working with Alice Coil, Karen Yoshitomi, and Diane Snyder-US Justice Dept. on other discrimination/harassment issues
 - Meeting first week of April
- 2) Bellevue Community College
 - Plaintiffs are moving forward with lawsuit
 - Raised wage discrimination issue

Commissioner Jagdish Sharma

- 1) Ethnic Heritage Council Art Award given to South Asian Artist from Evergreen State Co.
- 2) APA Legislative Day was a successful and productive event

Commissioner Elliot Kim

- 1) Pierce Co. Sheriff – Paul Pastor
 - o Elliot will present 2 plaques from the Paul Pastor to Police agencies in South Korea
 - o South Korean Police agencies help with Family reunification of U.S. Korean Adoptees
- 2) Korean National Police Women’s Association
 - o Requesting info/policies/resources on police women in WA.

Commissioner Fel Abille

- 1) Attending various community events by request on behalf of CAPAA
- 2) Has discussed CAPAA agenda at meetings, stressing unity in divided APA communities

GUESTS – OMWBE Executive Dir., Cynthia Cooper & Support Manager, Cathy Canorro

- 1) Brief introduction on main Functions of OMWBE
- 2) Wants to see more involvement of APA Community with OMWBE
- 3) “WMBE firms are not dominating any sector of public contracting across the state”
- 4) Supplier Diversity and Certification go hand in hand
- 5) Statistics
 - o **APA Businesses make up 22% of OMWBE Certified firms**
 - o **449 out of 2,080 (total)**
 - o **26,890 total APA firms in Washington**
- 5) Linked Deposit Program
 - o Currently none on the waiting list
- 6) OMWBE is seeking to and needs to be more proactive in working with communities
- 7) Advisory Committee
 - o OMWBE is creating an advisory committee, invites CAPAA to join
- 8) Seeking participation in upcoming “Roundtables” with Gov. Gregoire
- 9) Announcement of two open positions with OMWBE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Presented by Executive Assistant – Jared Jonson

- 1) Financial Report – prepared by Small Agency Client Services, included in packet
- 2) Website Enhancement
 - o Application for the \$52,000 grant from Dept. of Information Services has been submitted
 - o Production of a Certification outreach video and tutorial with OMWBE, CHA, GOIA
- 3) Legislative Session 2008 Updates

Operating Budget Policy Items

 - o Naturalization funding - \$656k
 - o New Americans Initiative \$344k for naturalization assistance
 - o Highline Comm. College partnership assisting immigrants and refugees with professional healthcare credentials from another country
 - o Education - \$300k for study of Asian *and* Pacific Islander Achievement Gap
 - o Supported Employment \$785k helps young adults with developmental disabilities to graduate from high school and transitioning into jobs in the community.
 - o ELL teacher preparation - \$671
 - o HB 3212 – monitoring and addressing the achievement of groups of students (Rep. Santos) passed final passage on March 11, 2008
 - o SB 6673 – Creating extended learning opportunities (WASL)
- 4) APA Heritage Month – May 4, 2008 at the Seattle Center
 - o Gov. Proclamation requested
 - o Aiming to launch CAPAA Heritage Month Poster 2008 at this event
- 5) Boards and Commissions Orientation
- 6) Census 2010 – Sitting on Asian Advisory Committee for APA Population
- 7) Letter to Dr. Terry Bergeson
 - o In follow up to the disaggregation of data as an Appropriation from SB 5843
 - o Also requesting a meeting with her on the new budget proviso for the study of the achievement gap

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Debrief on Bellevue Community College and Washington State Univ. Forum
 - o Discussed during Commissioner Chow's report
- 2) Joint Ethnic Legislative Reception
 - o Discussed during Commissioner Huynh's report
- 3) APA Legislative Day
 - o Discussed during Commissioner Huynh's report

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Boards and Commissions' Training/Nominations Committee
 - o Commissioners Bee Cha and Rey Pascua will be attending the June 9th Training
 - o Nominations Committee
 - Discussion of two potential candidates
 - 1) Aaron Owada – Olympia/Tacoma
 - 2) Kelly Dang – Seattle
 - o Discussion of By-Laws regarding nominations
- 2) Legislation 2008
 - o Discussed in Executive Director's Report
- 3) APA Heritage Month
 - o May 4, 2008 at the Seattle Center
 - o CAPAA will have a display table, possible launch of new poster
 - o Commissioners should attend

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

Motion was made by Commissioner Chow to review "top languages" selection for Certification Outreach Video, specifically "Cambodian" and replace with language of higher population

Motion was made by Commissioner Kim to review translation services for upcoming web enhancement/certification video to make sure they are correct

Motion was made by Commissioner Chow to secure legislators willing to send a letter to Dr. Terry Bergeson, OSPI for disaggregated APA student data.

Motion was made by the Board to address CAPAA By-Laws regarding the role of the nominations committee.

Motion was made by the Board to place the upcoming Board vacancy on the CAPAA website with a deadline for application submission on April 31st.

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were in attendance

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:34 PM