



The State of Washington
COMMISSION ON ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN AFFAIRS
Improving the lives of Asian Pacific Americans

Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs Board Meeting

Valley View Library
17850 Military Rd S, SeaTac, WA 98188
September 16, 2017, 10:30 AM to 2 PM

Regular Business

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

CALL TO ORDER

Welcome and introductions were given. Meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Ty Tufono, Lisa Dickinson, Lakshmi Gaur, Mohan Gurung, Lori Wada, Tam Dinh, Nam Nguyen, Lynette Finau, Roslyn Leon Guerrero, Ka`imi Sinclair, Donny Rojo, Ekkarath Sisavatdy

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff: Executive Director, Michael Itti, Project Coordinator, Sam Le

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made at 10:36 AM by Vice Chair Dickinson to approve the agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Guerrero. With no further changes, the agenda was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made at 10:36 AM by Vice Chair Dickinson to approve the June 17, 2017 meeting minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Dinh. With no further changes, the minutes were unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Commissioners provided updates on the work they are doing in the community.

- Commissioner Dinh: Attended the BATS Teacher Conference and made a presentation. The conference was an opportunity to make new connections and share knowledge about API communities. Working with Commissioner Nguyen to support the community in its response to the Tommy Le Shooting. Both Commissioners were involved with a young group of Vietnamese activists who wanted ownership for their community. Emphasized that API communities have different levels of experience and relationships with government. Hosted a community forum and met with the family.
- Commissioner Gaur: For the past three months, working on a situation regarding an elderly man and his will being exploited. Indian Consulate approached Commissioner Gaur for assistance.

Expressed that no organization wanted to take ownership of this situation. Concerned that actions need to be taken to address this and prevent these situations from happening. Will also promote the awareness to having a will.

- Commissioner Wada: Supporting ‘Senior University’ that will help elders to understand the healthcare system, Medicaid, Medicare, and charity care. Found out that quite a few elderly people are overpaying for their healthcare, thus emphasizes the need to prevent fraud and exploitation through education. Additionally, expressed that in the Korean community there are a number of small companies that need support on the policies as a preventative tool of conflict between home owners and contractors.
- Commissioner Guerrero: Met with Kaiser who will be willing to assist COFA residents/individuals. Attended a DACA press conference in Southwest Washington to represent CAPAA. Emphasized that the awareness of how there are a large number of undocumented AAPI’s and often left out of the conversation. Committed to working with Rep. Stonier to address the concerns.
- Commissioner Dickinson: Active with the Minority and Justice Commission and trying to have a meeting dedicated to the AAPI community. Worked with the Asian Bar Association of Washington to express how to get involved in the community, such as Walk for Rice. Emphasized the importance of education on fees for our communities.
- Commissioner Sisavady: Emceed for the Lao Summer Festival. Expressed that the Washington Lao community is the 4th largest Lao community in the nation. Looking into a mentoring program for the Southeast Asian communities.
- Commissioner Finau: Announced that Reyleen Gogo has been selected as the first Ruth Woo Fellow in the Governor’s Office.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Director Itti provided the Director’s Report overview including an update on the Commission’s financial report, legislative session, agency outreach, community events, and issue areas.

View the full report on the CAPAA website:

<https://capaa.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/09.16.2017ExecDirReportFinal.pdf>

Commissioners discussed about the awareness and accessibility of natural disasters and emergencies. Emphasized that any information disseminated should be language accessible and the long term responses.

ROBERTS RULES AND ELECTIONS PROCEDURES OVERVIEW

1st Vice Chair Dickinson gave a presentation for Commissioners on Roberts Rules.

Emphasized the importance of staying on time. Commissioners should be aware if discussion could be saved for committee rather than Board Meeting.

Motion was made by 1st Chair Dickinson to swap Public Comment and Elections on the agenda due to meeting running behind schedule. Commissioner Gaur seconds. Unanimously approved.

COMMUNITY FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT

Kristina Anderson:

Full time nurse in the Philippines and worked with cancer patients. Realized that children in the Philippines are suffering from cancer. Opened a center to address this need, now serving 90 children. Expressed the concern of affordability.

As a ministry, emphasized a holistic approach to address health care through providing housing, transportation, home and hospital visitations, and support their emotional and spiritual support, such as family support and non-formal education.

Looking for connections as they are in the process of becoming a nonprofit in Washington State.

Commissioner Gurung: Will this program expand?

-Potentially as the program gets larger with hopes of opening hubs throughout.

Commissioner Guerrero: Is this program open to children who migrate to the Philippines?

-It is open for all children who are accessing healthcare in the Philippines.

Commissioner Sisavatdy: What is the capacity?

-At any moment and time, can host 12.

Commissioner Tufono: Will follow up after Board Meeting.

OFFICER ELECTIONS

Michael Itti will facilitate first round of elections for the Chair.

Commissioner Wada nominates Chair Tufono to be re-elected as Chair. Seconded by 1st Vice Chair Dickinson. Michael Itti calls for the vote. Unanimously approved. Commissioner Ty Tufono is re-elected Chair.

Chair Tufono proceeds with 1st Vice Chair and 2nd Vice Chair elections.

1st Vice Chair:

Commissioner Wada nominates Commissioner Dickinson for 1st Vice Chair. Seconded by Commissioner Gaur. Chair Tufono calls for the vote. Unanimously approved. Commissioner Dickinson is re-elected 1st Vice Chair.

2nd Vice Chair:

Commissioner Finau nominates Commissioner Dinh for 2nd Vice Chair. Seconded by Commissioner Guerrero.

Chair Tufono nominates Commissioner Gaur. Seconded by Commissioner Sinclair.

Commissioner Dinh nominates Commissioner Nguyen. Seconded by Commissioner Dickinson.

Nominees present:

Commissioner Dinh: Expresses that each Commissioner has different areas of focus, thus vote accordingly.

Commissioner Gaur: Agrees with Commissioner Dinh's sentiments. Emphasizes that each Commissioner has their unique passions and personalities.

Commissioner Nguyen: Emphasizes importance of organization and direction. Would like to expand on civil rights advocacy.

Chair Tufono calls for the vote.

List out who voted for whom. Point out to Commissioners that they should double check their votes.

Gaur: 4 votes in favor (Gaur, Guerrero, Gurung, Tufono)

Dinh: 5 votes in favor (Dinh, Sinclair, Finau, Wada, Sisavatdy)

Nguyen: 3 votes in favor (Nguyen, Rojo, Dickinson)

Commissioner Dinh is elected 2nd Vice Chair.

COMMISSIONER GOAL & COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Chair Tufono introduces SMART. Michael Itti reviews the process of SMART goals and committee structures for CAPAA.

View the full list of SMART Goals on the CAPAA Website:

https://capaa.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/SMART-Goals.Final_.pdf

- 1st Vice Chair Dickinson looks to continue work with economic development. Will connect with Commissioner Wada as goals are aligned.
- 2nd Chair Dinh expresses that the process of developing SMART Goals provides feeling of ownership. By 2018, Dinh aims to increase awareness about mental health issues.
- Commissioner Finau appreciates the setting of accountability of Commissioner responsibilities. Wishes to work with the International Examiner to promote participation of Pacific Islanders and representing CAPAA. By November will submit the first and hopes to do so monthly.
- Commissioner Gaur: Wants to address the concern of LGBTQ+ youth within the Indian Community on the taboo system experienced. Sees working with Commissioner Dinh as support in this process of facilitating the quarterly meetings/workshops, with three of them having by June 2018. Before holding meetings, Commissioner Gaur will outreach to communities and organizations within the first three months.
- Commissioner Guerrero wishes to do outreach within the Southwest Washington area work through the 2017-2018 years. Create connections with communities and organizations, especially with COFA and homeless communities. Meeting with local officials quarterly. Would like to partner with the Education Committee and Human and Social Services committee.
- Commissioner Gurung wishes to work with the Bhutanese communities aiming at a short term and long term goal. Short term goal of reaching out to Bhutanese community to educate on the Dual Language programs. Long term goal of having a community center and how to help manage elderly people. Looking for support from staff.
- Commissioner Nguyen is a part of minority committee for the state government and hopes to increase recruitment. Wishes to bring more resources to minority communities that are often lacking resources.
- Commissioner Rojo aims to work with Filipino American businesses at a state and city level. Needs to research the causes of the instability, such as the barriers and challenges the business are

facing to then provide a report. Wants to create a business development manifesto as a shared agreement among businesses. Would like to work with Economic committee.

- Commissioner Sisavatdy has goal to support the creation of a Lao community center through collection of names and share out to the cities and states. Social networking on promoting CAPAA, which will need support of commissioners on what content and information to share and how to share. Furthermore, develop stronger connections to students and communities to bring more supporters and larger pool to share information. Continue work with being involved with the underserved communities by being visible and pursuing outreaching to discover grassroots leaderships. Lastly, working to develop AANAPISI's throughout the states.
- Commissioner Sinclair aims to support the Hawaiian Civic Club through developing a health survey for their convention. Develop a picture of Native Hawaiian health throughout the nation. Additionally, pursue the Senior University concept for other groups.
- Chair Tufono wishes to continue working with FIGHT and giving access to parents for children who have parents within the criminal justice system. Goal by the end of this year is to have two community forums raising awareness and funds. By 2018, lower the price of this access. Could formerly establish a Civil Rights Committee.
- Commissioner Wada focus on addressing the implicit and explicit biases. Has goals addressing issues that concern the broader AAPI community and specifically the Korean community. The goal of labeling medication and drugs into languages that are translated. The process has yet to move onto creating a committee to further the goal. Following goals focus on the Korean community and connecting programs to the communities through radio talk. Emphasize the prioritizing of bringing information to the community members. Also, focusing on supporting Korean businesses.

2nd Vice Chair Dinh would like to push a motion for future agenda item of creating direction for CAPAA.

Commissioners discussed about CAPAA's social media presence and access of information.

CAPAA BUDGET AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

Michael Itti presented the Budget and Needs Assessment Overview.

View the full presentation on the CAPAA website:

<https://capaa.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Budget-Needs-Assessment-Overview.pdf>

2nd Vice Chair Dinh expressed the need to develop a specific purpose and focus of the assessment. Commissioners discussed and asked questions about the potential scope and goals of the Needs Assessment and ideas for statewide outreach. Suggestion to review past meeting minutes on what aims were before requesting funding.

SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

1st Chair Dickinson provided a brief update on sponsorship funds and Commission policies. The Commission has \$311 left for sponsorship until June 2018. Would like to ensure other groups who previously haven't received funds have an opportunity. Urged new Commissioners to review sponsorship policies.

Presented a request from UPRISE for \$500. The Commission did not take action.

Vice Chair Dickinson presented an update on a project proposal from former Commissioner Zer Vue. This was in response to an ad-hoc committee that was formed at the June board meeting. The project proposal would create a way to recognize community members and recent graduates who uphold the mission and goals of CAPAA. The Commission requested that the ad-hoc committee continue to further develop the project proposal and present at the November Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerrero at 2:04 PM to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Gaur. With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM.

Minutes prepared by Sam Le.