Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs Meeting
Everett Senior Services
Baker View Center
1401 Poplar St.
Everett, WA 98204

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME
Everett Senior Services/Filipino Senior Services Center – Ms. Edith Dial and Mr. Pol Labuanan

CALL TO ORDER
Welcomes 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, Habib Habib, Bee Cha

Commissioners Absent: Lua Pritchard, Tony Lee, Elliot Kim

Staff Present: Ellen Abellera, Jared Jonson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion was made and carried by Commissioner Heyamoto to add “Strategic Planning for 2008” under new business after 2008 Legislative Priorities Discussion.

Motion was made and carried by Commissioner Heyamoto to defer commissioner reports to before lunch.

Motion was made and carried by Commissioner Heyamoto to add discussion about recent letter sent regarding Hate Crime against a Sikh Taxi Driver under old business

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

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 17, 2007 MINUTES
Motion was made, duly seconded and carried by Commissioner Huynh to adopt minutes as submitted.
REPORTS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
Ellen Abellera

1) Financial Report – included in packet
2) Website Code Restructure with DIS
   o Currently not compliant with state policies
   o $3,300 total cost for restructure and *Ask George search engine
3) Website Enhancement
   o Economic Development/OMWBE Certification Outreach Video/Materials
   o part of $52,000 IT Pool
4) Audit
   o Complete
5) Korean American Day Celebration – Jan. 12th
6) Education
   o SB 5843
     o provided funding to OSPI for disaggregation of student data
     o set meetings with Senators, McAuliffe and Hobbs (Ed. Committee), Rep. Santos and Ombudsman Adie Simmons
7) Economic Development
   o 8th in the nation for API business
8) Certification Workshops
   o several requests for workshops from SW Vancouver, Seattle, Yakima Valley
   o five certified firms resulted from last two workshops
9) Health Care
   o addressing language barrier issues
10) Judicial Appointments
    o Governor’s office with WA Bar associations addressing lack of minority applicants for judgeships
11) Washington New Americans Initiative
    o comprehensive, strategic approach to integrating immigrants and their families in WA state
12) Legislative Session
    o APA Legislative Feb. 14th – APIC leaders will meet with Gov. Gregoire at 10:30a.m.
    o Meeting with key legislators will happen at 2:00p.m.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED
Motion was made by Commissioner Chow to strike Chinese/Taiwanese from CAPAA Website translations.

Motion made by Commissioner Habib requesting further explanation of “Washington New Americans Initiative”

OLD BUSINESS
1) Board welcomes Bee Cha as CAPAA’s newest Commissioner

2) Audit
   o no major issues
   o risk assessment management needs to be reauthorized

3) Sikh Cab Driver Hate Crime
   o CAPAA sent letters to Gov. Gregoire and King Co. Prosecutor Dan Satterberg in support of the victim and the efforts of the Sikh Community and APA Community at-large

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NEW BUSINESS

1) 2008 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Motion made by Commissioners Pascua and Habib to add “API” under Children and Family Services priorities to support legislation that encompasses all “API and Immigrant Children”

Motion made by Commissioner Chow to add Higher Education to legislative priorities and to work with Higher Education Coordinator Board (HECB)

Motion made by Commissioner Tran to request Phuong Hamilton, Bilingual Ed. Office, OSPI to join CAPAA’s Education Committee

Motion made by Commissioner Habib to add “support a statewide program for comprehensive dropout prevention, intervention and retrieval under Education section of priorities

Motion made Commissioner Huynh and Habib to clarify the aforementioned “dropout prevention” issue as it relates to health under the Health Care section

Motion made by Commissioner Huynh to possibly host a joint workshop between CAPAA, SBA, and OMWBE to explore economic development beyond certification workshops

Motion made by Commissioner Heyamoto to add immunization as a priority under health care

2) STRATEGIC PLANNING 2008

Reactivation of CAPAA Sub-Committees

Education Committee
  o Commissioners Doug Heyamoto and Bee Cha

Economic Development Committee
  o Commissioners Thi Huynh, Ron Chow, Bee Cha, Tanya Tran, Rey Pascua

Public Safety/Health Care Committee
  o Commissioners Jagdish Sharma and Ron Chow

Human Rights/Legal/Immigration Committee
  o Commissioner Bee Cha, Thi Huynh, and Rey Pascua

Nominating Committee
  o Commissioner Habib Habib

3) COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Thi Huynh
  o President, elect – Vietnamese Bar Association of Washington
    i. Addressing minority judge applicants issue

Commissioner Bee Cha
  o Hmong grave desecration in Thailand

Commissioner Jagdish Sharma
  o IAWW – presented $3,700.00 check to Northwest Harvest before Thanksgiving
  o Working on India Center Plan

4) KOREAN AMERICAN DAY CELEBRATION
Saturday, January 12, 2008
12:00p.m. in Capitol Rotunda

5) ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE DAY
   o February 14, 2008
   o Meeting with Governor Gregoire at 10:30a.m. in Governor’s Conference room
   o Meeting with key legislators at 2:00p.m. in Governor’s Conference room

PUBLIC FORUM

❖ Pol Labuanan, President, Filipino Senior Services Center
   o Baker View Center used as a meal site every Friday
   o In need of a senior services center
   o Baker View Center is trafficked by too many groups
   o FSSC has existed for 17 years
   o Many seniors unable to participate due to lack of transportation

❖ Mike Malley, Snohomish County Human Services Dept.
   o Interests in establishing a multicultural senior center
   o Snohomish Co. Government have been providing funds to Senior Services of
     Snohomish County to take a lead in developing a multicultural senior center
   o Feasibility study currently being done and will be completed in May/June
   o Study will be to build new offices for Snohomish Co. Human Services along
     with a multicultural senior center
   o Transportation is an issue they are addressing

❖ Accessibility to free/reduced health immunizations for senior citizens
   o Snohomish Co. Health District promotes flu/pneumonia shots and other
     visiting health agencies are doing extensive immunization programs and
     working with health insurance providers to reduce costs

❖ Snohomish Korean American Association
   o Mr. Yoon and delegates
   o Open Monday thru Thursday every week, currently operating out of a church
   o Provide food, housing, and transportation services
   o Support a multicultural senior center building
   o The current church is too small

❖ Alan Viray, President, Filipino American Association of Everett
   o Organizations hosts various programs and events
   o Provided $2,600.00 in scholarships last year
   o Supports a multicultural senior/cultural center in Snohomish Co.

❖ India Association of Western Washington
   o Inquired about forming a steering committee
   o Commissioners and Ellen gave advice to do this

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:05 PM