Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development

Wednesday, April 15, 2020, 6:30 pm  
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Meeting Minutes

* Welcome/Introductions
  + Meeting was opened by Chair John Tinpe
  + Commissioners offered introductions. In attendance
    - MOAPIA Staff: Ben de Guzman, Henry Duong, James Yu
    - CAPIA by WebEx: John Tinpe, Kishan Putta, Niranjan Adhikari, Jennifer Hara Karen Kwok, Tiffany Hsieh, and Elena Son
* Director’s Report, Director Ben de Guzman, MOAPIA.

**COVID-19**

* + Director de Guzman announced that on April 15, Mayor Bowser extended the Public Health Emergency, Stay at Home Order, and Closure of Non-Essential Businesses through May 15
  + Director de Guzman provided an update to CAPIA about the District’s response to COVID-19 and how MOAPIA moved to an all telework posture since April 2
  + Highlighted MOAPIA’s work in translating pivotal information regarding the Mayor’s and District’s COVID-19 response
  + The Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development Mental Health Taskforce led the District’s first of a kind workshop on Mental Health during the COVID-19 pandemic  
    <https://www.facebook.com/dcmoapia/videos/224979688915402/>   
    <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=klhnLNznfvI&t=5s>
  + Director de Guzman filmed a public message with the Metropolitan Police Department to dispel inaccurate perceptions about Chinese Americans and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders regarding COVID-19
  + Director de Guzman explained that during the public health emergency, all communications and events will be solely focused on the most relevant and pressing information that residents need to know to stay safe and mitigate the spread of COVID-19

**AAPI Heritage Month**

* MOAPIA is submitting a limited slate of programming for AAPI Heritage Month (AAPIHM) to the Emergency Operations Center that includes a virtual AAPIHM “event,” a Proclamation from the Mayor, two infographics and two newsletters for the month, and participation in select events that we’ve been invited to join.
* The focus of our messaging will be “DC Values,” promoting unity and inclusion, and “resilience in the community”

**Community outreach**

* Director de Guzman explained how MOAPIA switched outreach to phone banking, webinar events and mailing
* Chair Tinpe asked how constituents can reach the office during MOAPIA’s telework posture
* All staff are available while maintaining social distance. All phone calls are directed to staff’s work mobile and are available through email.
* Chair Tinpe asked the status of the Heritage awards.
* Awards ceremony will be postponed till August/September
* MOAPIA will reach out to Martha and David
* Chair Tinpe asked if there were any reported incidents of harassment to the MPD
  + - MOAPIA tracks incidents that were directly reported to our offices, Lt. Hong from MPD provides reports to MOAPIA, and we are keeping track with national organizations who track incidents of discrimination and harassment
    - Can provide Monthly report to Commissioners (track time, date, persons, specific reports on what happened, who was it reported to, and how it was followed up)
    - Will be working with Mayor Bowser’s office to put out a statement explicitly condemning bias motivated violence in time for AAPI Heritage Month
* Elena Son proposed a workshop to dispel misinformation about COVID-19 and its racial background
  + - Due to current circumstances, MOAPIA is stretched too thin to independently pursue
* 2020 Census
  + - MOAPIA has been working with community grantees, phone banking, and promoting the 2020 Census through its social media platform
    - Operations have been extended from August 11 to October 31
    - Response rate for DC as of 4/14 is 46.3%
    - Information for Ward and race response are not available yet
* Chair Tinpe asked for statistics for COVID-19
  + - Mayor Bowser offers daily press briefings and updates about COVID-19 cases
    - Data can be found at [coronavirus.dc.gov](https://coronavirus.dc.gov)
    - The Mayor provides weekly briefings to community leaders that Commissioners are invited to. The briefings are held on Wednesdays at 5:00 PM
* Chair Tinpe asked on future Commission meetings during the public health emergency
  + - Future meetings will postponed till further notice

Meeting Adjournment

Questions:

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