

Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development
Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 6:30 pm
441 4th Street NW Room 721 North
Washington, DC 20001

- Welcome/Introductions
 - Meeting was opened by Chair John Tinpe
 - Commissioners offered introductions. In attendance
 - MOAPIA: Ben de Guzman, Henry Duong
 - COAPIA in Person: John Tinpe, Jennifer Hara,
 - COAPIA by Phone: Ben Takai, Bruce Leal, Nirranjan Adhikari
- Presentation: Caitlin Bertoni and Sheryl Campbell, Diversity Program at the National Security Agency
 - NSA is the largest organization in the intelligence community
 - Commissioner Hara asked what educational/professional backgrounds NSA looks for
 - NSA focuses on STEM backgrounds as well as technology (computer skills backgrounds, language backgrounds and intelligence analysis backgrounds, also business).
 - The NSA has a number of student programs at the high school level they can apply to at the junior year.
 - NSA asked about the buy in from AAPI people to interact with the government because of distrust.
 - Commissioner Takai commented that many AAPI communities have a distrust of the government from historical instances of racism which can contribute to a lack of representation
- Director's Report, Director de Guzman, MOAPIA.
 - Director reviewed the Office's events and activities from April – June, as outlined in the Director's Report
- Commission Task Force
 - Commissioner Tinpe volunteered for the Task Force focusing on the Arts
 - Director de Guzman explained the District's efforts for the 2020 Census and proposed a taskforce to focus on the Census.
 - Commissioners Putta, Hara, Tinpe, and Adhikari would like to work with the taskforce.
 - To set up first call in July after next month's meeting to start the work of the taskforce.

Meeting Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 17, 6:30 pm

Questions:

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