

DC Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs
November Commission Meeting Notes
April 27, 2017 from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

- **Welcome/Introductions**

- Meeting was opened by Chair John Tinpe
- Commissioners offered introductions. In attendance:
 - CAPIA
 - Martha Watanabe; Kishan Putta; Meina Banh, Ronak Desai, Jennifer Hara, Karissa Mariko Barnett
 - MOAPIA
 - David Do and Phuong Nguyen
- Commissioners Jennifer Hara and Karissa Mariko Barnett were sworn in by a representative from the Mayor's Office of Talents and Appointments

- **Updates from MOAPIA**

- Director Do provided updates regarding the Chinatown Park Series and this year's partnership with Downtown BID and Mount Vernon Triangle CID to offer programming in the park throughout the summer. Press release can be found here: <https://apia.dc.gov/release/chinatown-parks-come-alive-free-outdoor-programming-may-6>
- Director Do informed the Commission about the unveiling of the Fancy Animal Carnival, which is bringing five larger-than-life animal sculptures by renowned Taiwanese artist Hung Yi installed at CityCenterDC, Herald Square and Chinatown Park.
- Director Do provided updates about the AAPI Heritage Month Celebration on May 8th. Commissioners that plan to attend should inform Director Do for seat reservation purposes.

- **Chinatown Neighborhood Watch Program**

- Chair Tinpe provided updates about the launch of the Chinatown Neighborhood Watch program.
- Commissioners discussed the Security Camera Reimbursement program and recommended that MPD utilize the footage that these cameras collect to help solve crimes.
- Chair Tinpe provided updates about businesses that have recently closed in the Chinatown area and new businesses that have opened.

- **Next Commission Meeting:** TBD through the Doodle poll that Chair Tinpe circulated